



De La Salle Academy • A History • 1910-2010



St. John
Baptist
de La Salle,
Pray for us.



De La Salle Academy • A History • 1910-2010

De La Salle Academy — 1910-2010

Preface

This publication chronicles the history of a school building through 100 years, even though the Academy technically no longer exists. Started with a donation from a contested will and built with the zeal of the Christian Brothers and the support of the area Catholic community, the De La Salle Academy building stands at 1524 Paseo in Kansas City, Missouri, and currently houses a charter school.

From 1910 to 1971, however, the building was home to the Cavaliers, Cadets and Titans of De La Salle and to the Christian Brothers who taught them and served as mentors to them. This history begins with the arrival of the Christian Brothers in Kansas City and tells of the challenges they faced and conquered in bringing the dream of the school to a reality. Then the history continues with the growth and changes to the institution throughout the years of its existence.

Research into the early years produced the facts, while memories of alumni embellished the facts and added the heartfelt love and gratitude for the Christian Brothers and the school they proudly call their alma mater. Advertising in this publication reflects the continued support of the alumni and the Kansas City community to perpetuate the memory of the contributions of the school, the Christian Brothers, the lay faculty and staff, and the students to Kansas City and the world.

Acknowledgements

The information for this historical summary came from many sources. A most valuable source was the Mississippi Vista — *The Brothers of the Christian Schools in the Mid-West*, St. Mary's Press, Winona, MN, 1948. Other books that proved invaluable in this narrative were *The History of the Institute, The Brothers in the United States, 1925 – 1950*, W. J. Basttersby, St. Mary's Press, Winona, MN, Vol. 5, 1976; and *Undefeated — The Story of Godfrey Kobets of DeLaSalle Education Center*, Helen Ashmore, DeLaSalle Education Center, Kansas City, Missouri, 2002. Brother Robert Werle, FSC, Archivist of the Mid West Province, located at Christian Brothers University in Memphis, TN, sent many documents detailing the history of the school. Father Michael Coleman, Archivist of the Diocese of Kansas City-St Joseph, provided many pictures and stories from his history of the diocese as well as from his microfilm files of the diocesan newspapers. Documentary assistance was provided by Bob Biagioli '69 who is an Assistant Director in the Jackson County Assessment Department. Most of the documentation on the purchase and sale of property by the Brothers and the diocese was provided by his research in Biagioli's office files.

There is very little information from the 10s, 20s, 30s and early 40s. What little we have is from the above sources and from some pictures and memorabilia shared by relatives of early graduates. The bulk of our information and pictures are from copies of student newspapers and yearbooks that started primarily in the early fifties and continued to the closing of the school. We owe a great deal of gratitude to the moderators and student yearbook and newspaper staffs of those years.

Sadly, the most important piece of the history of the school is missing. Every Brothers' community is required to keep a *History of the Community Book*. This book records the names of the Brothers in that community for the year, and, usually, one of the Brothers recounts the highlights of the school year. This book would have provided many interesting and important events in the life of the school. Several attempts at locating that book proved fruitless.

Oral history has been a tremendous help in piecing together the life of the building over the years. Br. Pius Kamphefner '46, Br. William Brynda, Tom Derr '43, Joel Carr '43, Jerry Schmeltz '46, Jack Massa '36, John Sheeley '55, George Colwell '47, Jim Fancher '47, Ed Welch '45, George Dusselier '44, Ray Hense '44, Vince Wessling '45, to name only a few, have not only shared their stories but made trips to the building to relive and share their experiences. In addition, George Van Compernolle '55 and Jim Ryan '55 spent many hours at the Kansas City Missouri Public Libraries going through microfilms of the *Kansas City Star*.

Of great help and without whom many of the pictures presented in the book would not be available is the effort of Jim Fancher '47 and his wife Marge. Over the last ten years Jim has worked many hours in researching, finding and preparing for display hundreds of photographs and memorabilia of the DLS years at the school. Many of you have enjoyed his work over the years in the displays he stages at the social following the Alumni Memorial Mass and at the Alumni Banquets held each year.

Famous Graduates, a section to list and describe the accomplishments of famous graduates, was suggested for this book. The dilemma that arose was whom to add to the list – what makes a graduate "Famous." We have had graduates who have become well known and have accomplished many things that have benefited the community and beyond. The editor chose not to include this section, believing that the over 4,000 graduates are "Famous" as they live the philosophy and values given to them by the Christian Brothers.

Special thanks to Joe '52 and Glenda Baker and to Jane Schaffer, English Department Chairperson at Archbishop O'Hara High School, for proofreading the book.

Finally, credit is due to the professional work of Kathleen Ochs of DKO Associates. She has spent many hours scanning, typing information and laying out the book you have in your hands. Read, reminisce and enjoy your history.

St. John Baptist de La Salle, Pray for us. Live Jesus in our hearts, forever!

Your Editor, Robert L. Boland '53

Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Table of Contents

He Gave Us Our Brothers — St. John Baptist de La Salle	4- 5
Directors of De La Salle	6
Alumni Members of the Religious Life	7
Historic Timeline	8
Early History	9- 13
1910-1941	14- 21
1942-1960	22- 31
Military	32- 43
1950-1960	44- 51
1960-1971	52- 59
Athletics	60- 79
Extracurricular Activities	80-107
Dances	82- 87
Fine Arts	88- 91
Publications	92- 95
Clubs	96-106
Support	107
The End of the Academy	108-113
Alumni Association	114-121
Ads & More Memories	122-158

Dates on photos are yearbook dates

100th Anniversary Planning Committee

Established November 11, 2008



100th Anniversary Planning Committee: Front: Pat O'Neill '71, Theresa Van Pelt, Steve Otto '58; Back: Dave Ribori '66, John Sheeley '55, Bob Boland '53, Br. Jim Krause. Missing: George Van Compernolle '55, Mike Waters '55.

Photo courtesy of Br. Richard Geimer

Alumni Banquet

Jihn Sheeley '55

George Van Compernolle '55

Dave Rebori '66

Alumni Mass & Social

Joel Carr '43

Theresa Van Pelt

Brother Jim Krause

Publicity & DVD Production

Pat O'Neill '71

Invitation of Special Guests

Joel Carr '43

Brother Jim Krause

Mike Waters '55

Printed History Book

Bob Boland '53

Treasurer

Steve Otto '58

Thank you for your many hours of meeting and planning to make this year's celebration a success.

St. John Baptist de La Salle

John Baptist de La Salle, founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, was born into a wealthy family in Rheims, France, in 1651. A man of faith and zeal, he lived sensitive to God's presence in his life, eager and open to do God's will. The Word of God in scripture nourished his faith and directed his zeal to the service of the poor. In 1680, he founded the Christian Brothers to fulfill his dream of making a Christian education available to poor children.

De La Salle was an innovator in education. He effected the substitution of the simultaneous method of teaching for individual instruction. He replaced Latin with French, the mother tongue, as the language of learning. He introduced writing into the curriculum of his schools. De La Salle realized that underprivileged students needed a basic education rather than the classical education of the wealthy. The Brothers' schools were so successful that De La Salle received requests to start schools in rural areas. To this end, he founded colleges for the training of rural schools masters. He wrote useful books on pedagogy, including *The Conduct of Schools*, which is still highly regarded for its educational precepts and psychology.

To fulfill his dream, John Baptist de La Salle paid a price. At the time of his death, in 1719, he stated to his first Brothers that had he known all that would be asked of him to make his dream come true, he did not know if he would have had the courage to begin. Yet his dream lives on in the many Christian Brothers and teachers who continue to offer a Christian education to young men and women in the Lasallian spirit.

John Baptist de La Salle was canonized a saint by the Catholic Church in 1900. In 1950, Pope Pius XII proclaimed De La Salle "Patron of All Teachers" because of the unique role he played in the Church's mission in the education of youth. In 1969, Pope John XXIII recognized the work of the Christian Brothers in the church by the canonization of yet another Brother of Christian Schools, Saint Benilde.

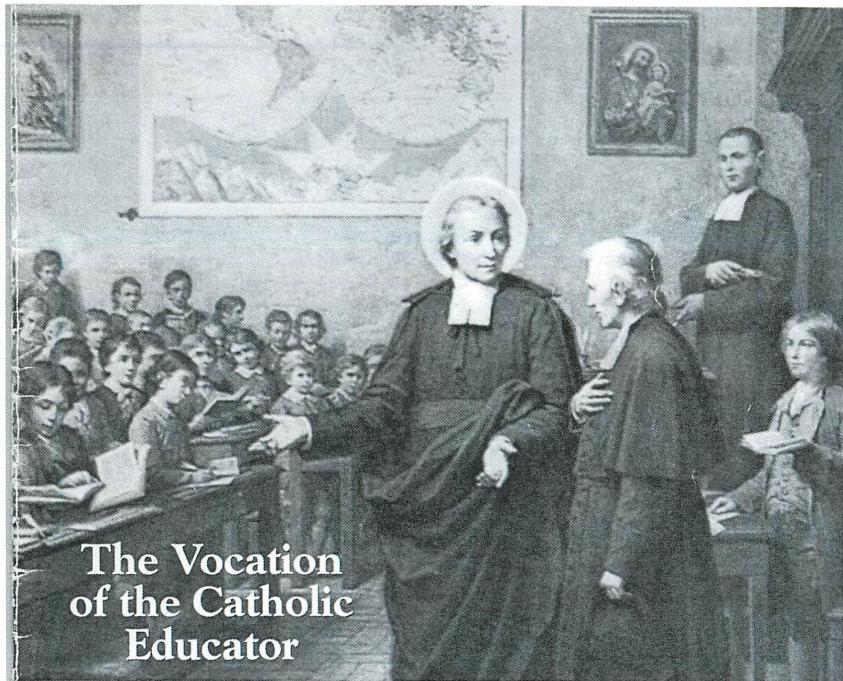


He Gave Us Our Brothers

Founded in Rheims, France in 1680, by St. John Baptist de La Salle to make a Christian education available to poor youth, the Brothers of the Christian Schools are celebrating over 300 years of service to young men and women. Today, approximately 10,000 Christian Brothers are serving in 82 countries of the world, engaged in all kinds of educational work — elementary and secondary education, college work, religious education programs, retreat work, counseling, social work, child care, and other ministries. The first permanent establishment of the Brothers in the United States was in 1845 at Calvert Hall, a high school for boys in Baltimore, MD, still conducted by the Brothers today. About 1400 Christian Brothers teach in 150 schools in 26 states from coast to coast. Eighty American Christian Brothers are serving in the mission.

The Christian Brothers have served in the diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph for over 150 years, since the founding of Christian Brothers High School in St. Joseph. The Brothers have taught in Kansas City since 1887 at St. Patrick's School, Cathedral Commercial School, De La Salle Academy and Archbishop O'Hara High School.

As lay religious, Christian Brothers consecrate their lives to God through the Church's traditional vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. To these, the Brothers add a vow to serve the poor through education. Fidelity to the vision of St. John Baptist de La Salle leads the Brothers to see educational service to the poor as their mission of preference. Christian Brothers want their students to be successful in life, but more importantly, they want them to be good and religious people successful about living. The Christian Brothers' Rule reminds each Brother that he is to teach "all his students that they have a responsibility to bring the reign of justice and charity to all the world."



**The Vocation
of the Catholic
Educator**

John Baptist de La Salle is credited as one of the founders of modern classroom-style education. During his lifetime he founded a religious order of men, The Brothers of the Christian Schools, who devoted themselves to teaching boys and young men. To assist the Brothers in this ministry, he developed the first real strategy for teaching, created a teacher's manual, wrote student textbooks, and opened a school to train teachers. He challenged the brothers of his community to look upon everything with the eyes of faith, to see the person of Christ in their students, and to approach their ministry with great zeal for the evangelization of youth.

John Baptist de La Salle was an educational innovator. He looked at the world and saw a need to educate all children, and responded to that calling. He realized that the approach to education at that time closed education to all but the very wealthy, perpetuating an entrenched upper class while cutting off opportunities for bright but poor children. Truly revolutionary was his understanding that a tutorial approach to instruction would never reach the masses so he developed the "classroom" approach to instruction.

He understood the critical need for teacher training. His training manual for teachers, *The Conduct of Christian Schools*, included insight to the task of classroom instructors and outlined rules and techniques for teaching, including regulations for maintaining discipline, steps for teaching reading, and suggestions for designing student assessments.

John Baptist de La Salle also recognized the totality of the human person. A teacher would not be good at his task if his spirit were not nurtured as well as his mind; De La Salle told them to teach as Jesus did. The principles that guided his life are still those that guide teachers in Christian Brothers' schools and all Catholic schools today.

Chronology of St. John Baptist de La Salle

- 1651 Born in Rheims, the eldest son of a distinguished wealthy family
- 1662 Received the tonsure, symbolizing the intention to become a priest
- 1666 Became a Canon of the Cathedral of Rhiems
- 1678 Ordained a priest
- 1680 Through inviting teachers to his house for meals and discussion, the process of founding the Brothers of the Christian Schools began
- 1681 Earned a Doctor of Theology degree
- 1681 Invited teachers to live in his home
- 1685 Opened a school to train teachers
- 1695 Wrote the *Conduct of Christian Schools*
- 1717 Assembled the brothers to elect a new superior
- 1717 Wrote *Meditations for Time of Retreat*
- 1719 Died on Good Friday
- 1900 Canonized by Pope Leo XIII
- 1950 Proclaimed "Principal Patron Before God and Patron of All Teachers of Youth" by Pope Pius XII



Directors/Principals of DLS

1888 — Brother Justus Patrick*
1896 — Brother Hippolytus Walter*
1899 — Brother Brendan Charles*
1908 — Brother Icarion of Mary*
1910 — Brother Brendan Charles
1911 — Brother Luke Pascal
1912 — Brother Anthony of Rome
1915 — Brother Lewis Richard
1918 — Brother Jovitus Edward
1923 — Brother Joseph Matthew
1929 — Brother Henry Casimir
1932 — Brother Gontran Francis
1938 — Brother Lawrence Edward
1941 — Brother Josephus of Jesus
1944 — Brother Hilary Bernard
1946 — Brother Kevin Stanislaus
1952 — Brother Julian Austin
1956 — Brother Alfred Marshall
1960 — Brother Imilian Norbert
1966 — Brother Camillus Dufresne
1967 — Brother Pius Kamphefner
1969 — Godfrey Kobets
1970 — Brother Ted Berni

* Principals at Cathedral Commercial School



Brother Brendan
Charles



Brother Anthony
of Rome



Brother Jovitus
Edward



Brother Lawrence
Edward



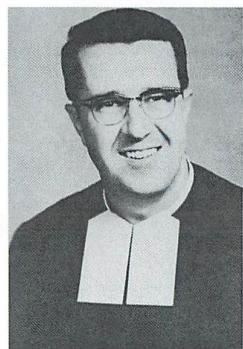
Brother Kevin
Stanislaus



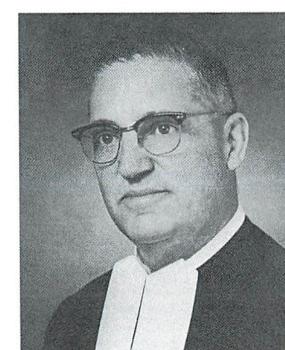
Brother Julian
Austin



Brother Alfred
Marshall



Brother Imilian
Norbert



Brother Camillus
Dufresne



Brother Pius
Kamphefner



Godfrey
Kobets



Brother Theodore
Berni

Following God's Call to Religious Life

Christian Brothers who are Former Students of DLS*

Br. Josephus Edward Reintjes '14
Br. James Lewis O'Neill '24
Br. Lambert Robert Shannon '25
Br. Justinian Gabriel Connery '31
Br. Honorius Bernard Talle '35
Br. Lewis Justinian Heffernon '39
Br. Joel Solomon Carr '43
Br. Irenoeus Timothy McCarthy '44
Br. Judge Vivian Kovac '46
Br. Julius Herbert Schmeltz '46
Br. Humphrey Pius Kemphefner '46
Br. Immanuel Leo Oberreider '48
Br. Lucian of Mary Schutty '50
Br. John Vincent Turgeon '52
Br. John Daniel Coakley '53
Br. Loman Robert Hentzen '53
Br. Ray Walterbach '53
Br. Jordan Stephan Moylan '54
Br. Leonder Dennis Guillou '54
Br. John Ferdinand Sheeley '55
Br. Leo Bonaventure Wren '55
Br. Kevin Francis Boring '55
Br. Julian Walter Novo-Gradac '56
Br. Jude Cady '57
Br. Lawrence Dominick Ishum '57
Br. Richard Giles Wilborn '57
Br. Dennis Carl Kay '58
Br. Mark Columban Kary '58
Br. Anslem Dominic Koenig '59
Br. Anthony Clarence Wilborn '59
Br. Robert Landrick Murphy '60

**Took first vows & received the habit.*

Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Members of the Clergy Who Attended DLS

Rt. Rev. T.B. McDonald P.A. '91
Rev. John J. Doyle '10
Rev. Lester Wallace '11
Rev. James E. Devine '14
Rev. William Stack C.M. '14
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Daniel Murphy '16
Rev. Kenneth McDonnell '27
Rev. Robert O'Sullivan S.J. '27
Rev. James Owens '27
Rev. Williard Quinn C.s.s.R. '27
Rev. Hugh Farrington O.S.B. '30
Rev. Ambrose Keating O.S.B. '34
Rev. Joseph Cosgrove C.s.s.C. '36
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph V. Sullivan '37
Chancellor, Diocese of Kansas City/St. Joseph
Rev. R.F. McCarthy C.s.s.C. '37
Rev. Richard Pilsl '38
Rev. James Cominskey '39
Mr. William R. Burton S.J. '44
Rev. James Louis Walter '46
Rev. Robert Alduk '49
Rev. John McCormick '49
Richard Francis Costigan '50
Rev. Robert Deming S.J. '50
Rev. James Devine '54
Rev. William Williams S.J. '54
Ernest Cooney C.s.s.C. '54
Fr. Jim Evans '57
Mr. Gerald Harris '58
Mr. Michael Smith '59
Mr. George Cascone C.P.P.S '59
Mr. Earl Nelson
Br. Oliver Plunkett O.P. '59
Br. William Sanders '60, Hospitaller of St. John
Rev. Donald Cullen '60
Br. Bart (Gerhart) Wolf, O.F.M. '60

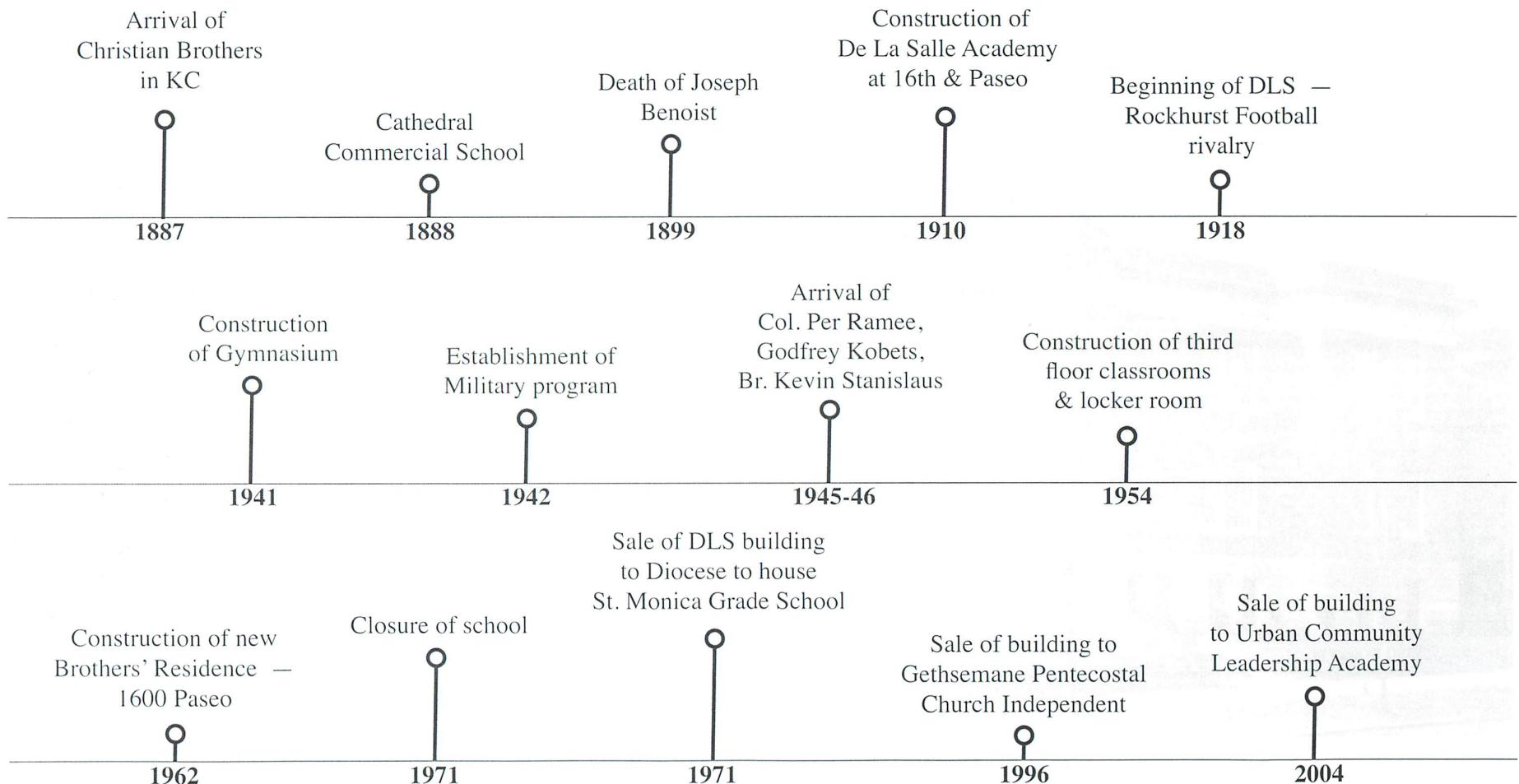
Encouraging Vocations

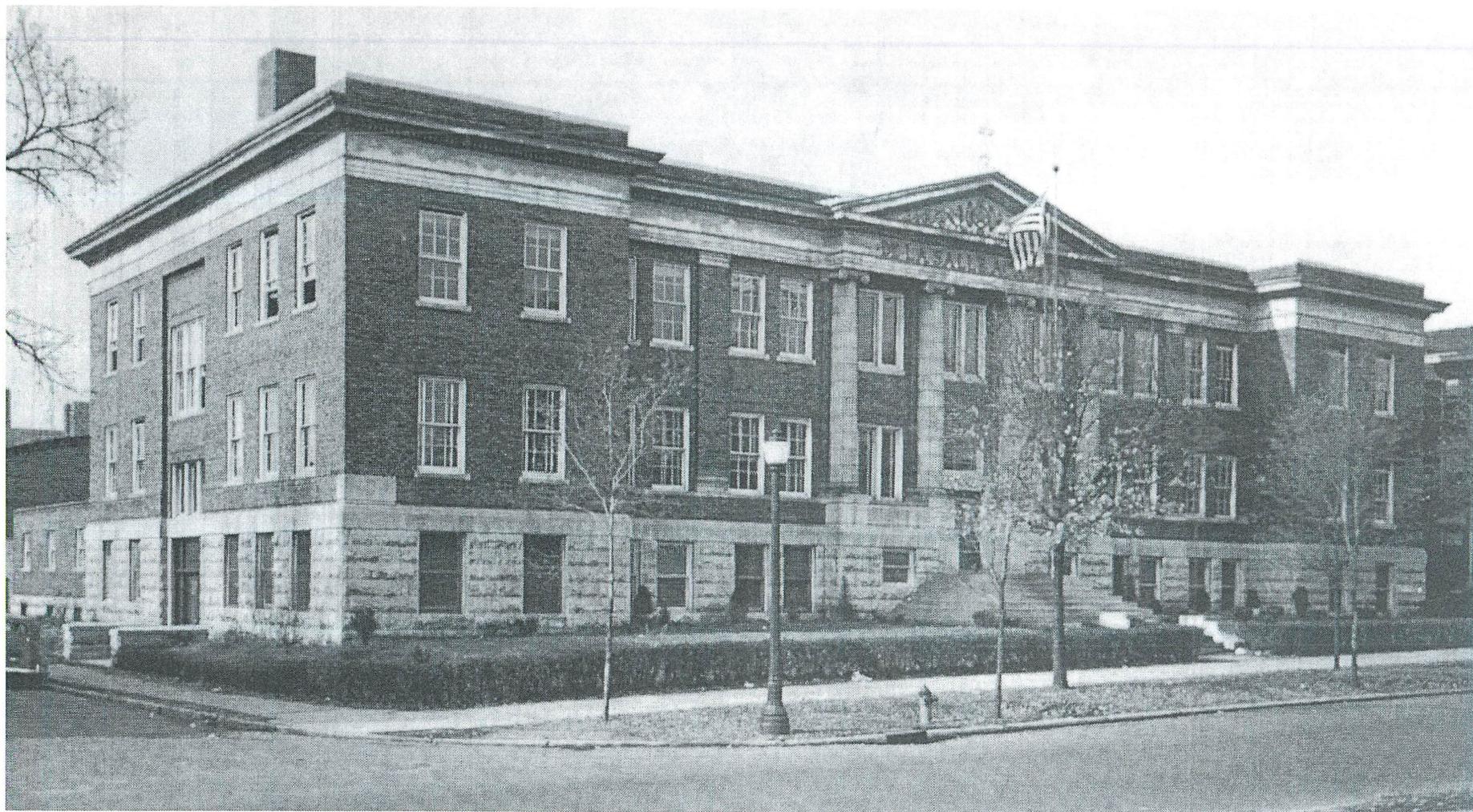
By the 1940s the Brothers were encouraged that DLS was a fruitful source of priestly and religious vocations.

They could count 24 priests among their alumni, while 18 of their students had entered the Institute of Christian Brothers.

The information for this page of the book came from the *Midwest Provincial Publication*.

De La Salle Academy Through the Years





De La Salle Academy • A History • 1910-2010
The Early Years • 1887-1910

History of the Christian Brothers in Kansas City

Arrival — 1887

It was the purpose of education and the invitation of Bishop John Joseph Hogan of the Diocese of St. Joseph that brought the Christian Brothers to Kansas City in 1887. From humble beginnings in the area, which included soliciting funds on the streets of the city, the Brothers rose to educational prominence in the construction and educational excellence of De La Salle Academy.

Brothers Romuald, Justus Patrick, and Luperian resided in a small cottage provided for them by Bishop Hogan as they moved toward their goal of gathering funds to build a school. To aid them in their efforts to secure funds, Bishop Hogan arranged meetings in parishes and with persons of means to bolster the growth of the coffers. These techniques met with some success but not enough to reach the Brothers' goals.

Sharing St. Patrick's School

Prospects for raising money for the building project were not very bright in 1888, and the Brothers postponed efforts to raise money. In the meantime they determined to conduct a temporary school if a suitable place were found. Hearing that the Brothers were looking for a place to conduct a school, Rev. Thomas F. Lillis, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, 8th & Cherry Streets, offered two rooms in his school. The offer was accepted and on September 3, 1888, two Brothers opened their first school in Kansas City. Brother Patrick Justus was in charge and Brother Hilarion was his able assistant.

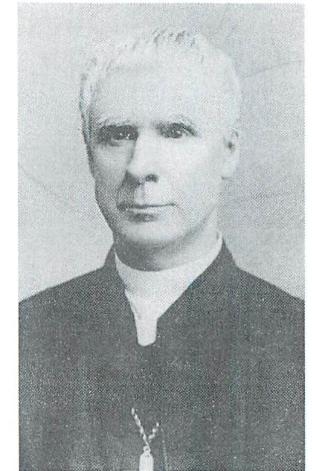
The cottage on 14th and Bellevue Avenue, in which the Brothers were living, was in Cathedral Parish and quite a distance from St. Patrick's. It was determined to move into St. Patrick's Parish and take a house near the school, making it more convenient for the Brothers. They moved just before the beginning of school. The house was owned by a member of St. Patrick's Parish, and the Brothers thought that as a Catholic, he would appreciate their plight and give them use of the house rent free, but they were mistaken. Each month on the day the rent was due he was at the door early in the morning to collect.

The Brothers did their work well and made a good impression on the students and their parents. In a short time the rooms were filled to capacity. This made it necessary for the Brothers to look around for larger and better quarters in which to carry on their work of teaching. The Brothers remained at St. Patrick's until June 1889 when they closed the school there and moved to the Cathedral School, which was to open in September of that year.

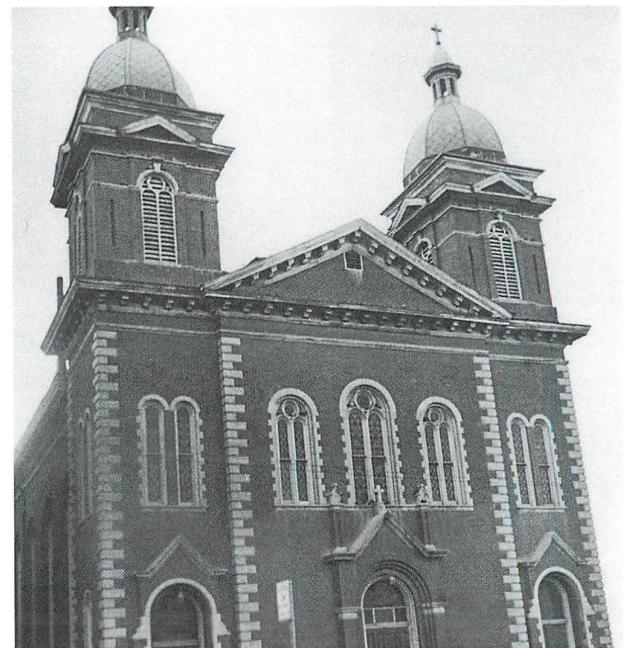
(Golden Jubilee Publication)



Rev. Thomas F. Lillis

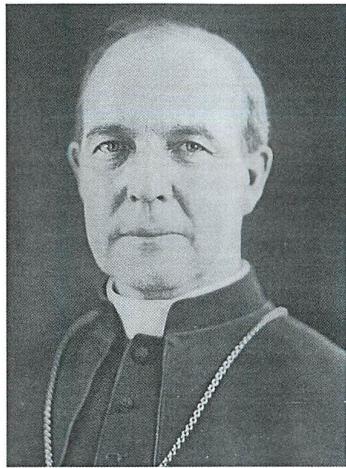


Bishop John Joseph Hogan



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Cathedral Commercial School



Pastor John J. Glennon

After just one year in the classrooms at St. Patrick's, the Brothers moved into classrooms at the Cathedral under the auspices of Pastor John J. Glennon. The building was erected on a site east of the Cathedral Rectory at 414 West 12th Street. The school building consisted of an auditorium on the first floor, four classrooms on the second floor, and living quarters for the Brothers on the third floor. The transfer to the new school took place in the summer of 1889.

The school opened in September 1889, practically debt-free thanks to fruitful fundraising by Father Glennon. The four classrooms of the Christian Brothers were filled to capacity. Brother Justus Patrick was director and was assisted by Brothers Benedict, Hilarion, John, Justinus Edward and Lupercian.

In 1891 organizations at the school included the Acolyte Society and a vested choir which participated in sacred ceremonies at the Cathedral and Sunday evening Vespers.

Principal courses for the Brothers' school were in the field of commerce, therefore, the school was named Cathedral Commercial School, holding that name for the next 21 years. During these years the Commerce department placed graduates in many businesses in the city.

The first graduation ceremony was conducted in the auditorium of Cathedral Commercial School in June 1891. In 1903 night courses were added to accommodate the demand for the commerce classes, but these courses lasted only four years because of extra teaching burdens they imposed on the few Brothers at the school.



Early baseball team — notice Brother with rifle on the left.

Dates on photos are yearbook dates



Cathedral

History of De La Salle Academy — 1524 Paseo

Circumstances Encourage Building

As in the previous shared facility, classrooms at the Cathedral became inadequate to serve the demand for the population in the Brothers' courses. This situation and the bequest of a wealthy benefactor of the Brothers resulted in a decision to relocate to a dedicated building.

Benoist Bequest & Challenge

In 1899 Joseph Benoist died, leaving an estate to be distributed among several charities including the Christian Brothers. The Brothers' portion of the donation was to be used to build a school for boys in Kansas City. When funds were distributed among charities, \$70,000 (nearly \$1.5 million in 2009) was to go to the building.

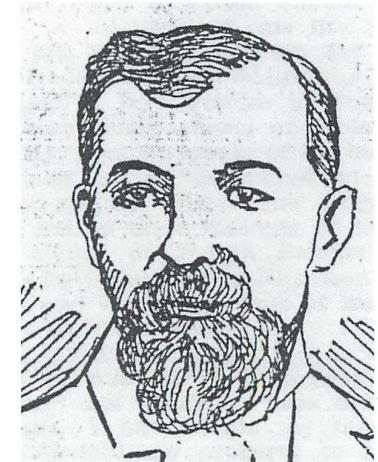
However, relatives of Benoist contested the provisions of the will resulting in costly litigation and, ultimately, \$30,000 (nearly \$650,000 in 2009) remained for the building fund to construct the school at 1524 Paseo.

An obituary for Benoist in the August 12, 1899, edition of the Kansas City Journal, tells Benoist's story of earning his fortune, estimated at \$200,000 (nearly \$5,000,000 in 2009) at the time of his death. Unable to trust his family's wise use of an inheritance, Benoist willed the money to charity.

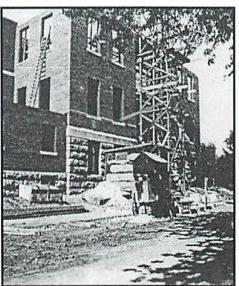
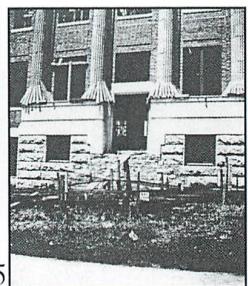
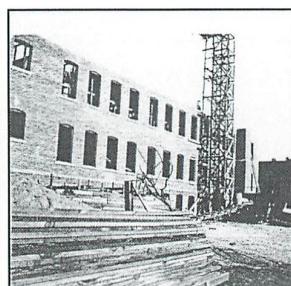
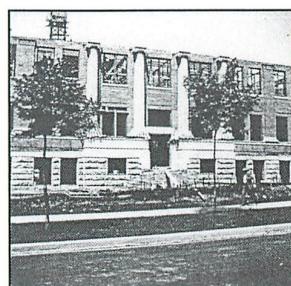
In his will, Benoist commented, "My life's earnings were begun at 18 under very discouraging circumstances. My property was acquired by long days' work and honest toil and after giving thousands to charity and kindred institutions it is natural that I should feel some anxiety as to the disposition of my property after I pass away. I have looked around me for some high-minded, conscientious, public-spirited men in whose hands I can trust these earnings of a life time. The interest is mutual and the human family, irrespective of creed, color or nationality, will reap the benefit of our work."

An article in the *K.C. Journal*, August 30, 1907, reports on the instructions to the executors of his will: Daniel O'Flaherty, Thomas McNamara and A.M. Allen. It reports further on the distribution to the Christian Brothers:

"By the sale yesterday of three pieces of property left by the late Joseph Benoist, the way was cleared for the erection of the proposed school building for the Christian Brothers. The new school building is to be located at 16th and Paseo, ... and is to cost about \$50,000, according to the plans..."



Drawing of Joseph Benoist that appeared with his obituary in the August 12, 1899, Kansas City Journal



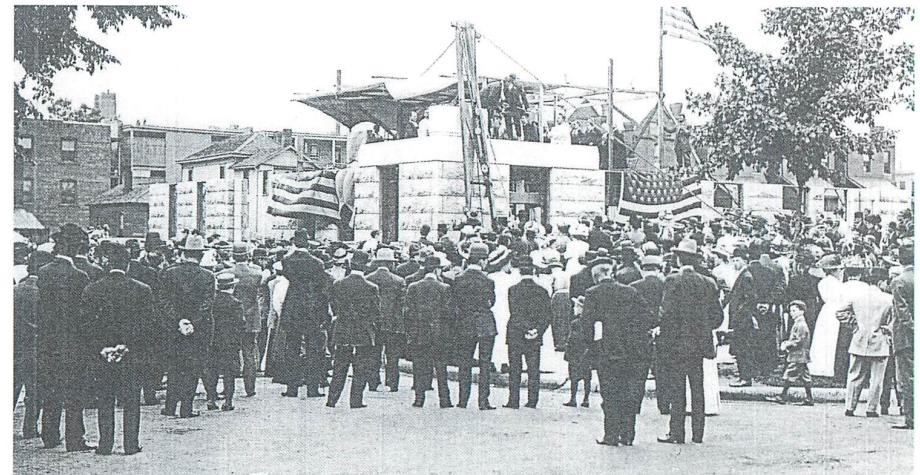
Another stipulation of the Benoist bequest required the site of the new building to be within a short distance of Manual Training High School. Benoist wanted the school to be near this facility for students at De La Salle Academy who might wish to have an opportunity for training in the manual arts.

The new building, a three-story, concrete and steel, brick-veneered structure with a classic façade, was completed in the summer of 1910, one-hundred years ago — the reason for this celebration in 2010 and for this updated history of the academy.

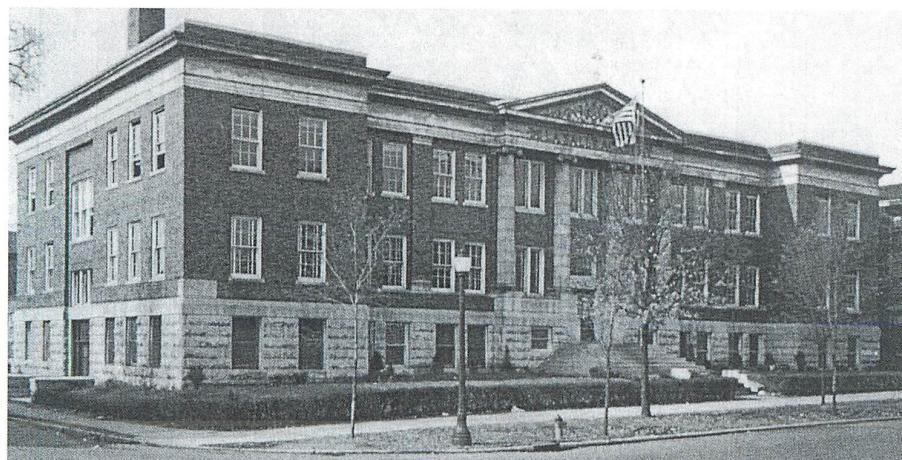
Construction



Groundbreaking ceremony on January 23, 1909.



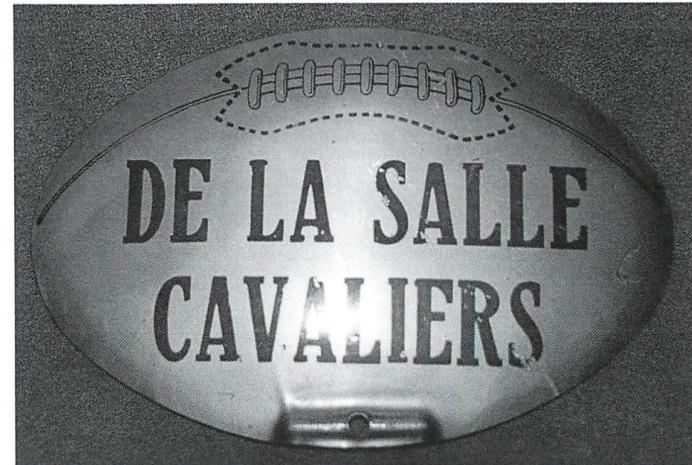
Laying of the cornerstone on May 30, 1909.



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

A Building of Their Own

The new building included a cafeteria and a play hall on the ground level; living quarters, Brothers' Community Room and Chapel on the main floor; and nine classrooms on the upper floor. In the first five years there were two grammar grades which were eventually dropped to accommodate the increasing high school population. For one year the facility also served as the Preparatory Seminary for the Diocese as designated by Bishop Lillis.



Brothers' Boys
Purple & Gold
Cavaliers



De La Salle Academy • A History • 1910-2010

1524 Paseo • 1910-1940

Brother Brendan Charles

Key to the building of the new school on Paseo was Brother Brendan Charles, described in a previous history: "No Christian Brother was ever as well-known; and few have left the impression of their influence upon the young men they taught as did Brother Charles." So instrumental was Brother Brendan Charles in the growth of the Academy that he gathered funds, canvassed for new students, and assisted in the construction of the building, working with carpenters and brick-layers. The first principal and principal for only one year, he returned to soliciting funds to complete the building.

Brother Brendan Charles



An Academic Institution

De La Salle Academy continued the outstanding academic reputation it had earned in the 21-year history of Cathedral Commercial School with emphasis on preparing young men for careers in business. The Academy expanded its curriculum by presenting courses in Literary Sciences as well as Commercial Courses, its mainstay before 1910. By 1915 the Academy was accredited by Missouri and by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The Academy enjoyed a high reputation in educational circles, and at the request of the State High School Visitor, Brother Lawrence Sixtus was appointed an instructor at the University Extension Department. In 1925 Brother Lawrence was conducting classes in mathematics at the Academy for Sisters of teaching communities of Kansas City.

With advancements in science and technology accelerated by World War I, the Academy introduced courses in science and advanced mathematics. A science lab was established on the second floor and remained there until the Brothers moved out of the building in 1942. A science lab and classroom was then set up in the former Brothers' kitchen and dining room on the ground floor at the bottom of the stairs near the north end of the cafeteria. In the early 1940s students followed either a Literary-Science or an English-Commercial curriculum.

As the interest and needs for new courses developed, the Academy, in 1937, entered into an agreement with the Kansas City School District that permitted Academy students to attend Manual High School, three blocks away. Students left school and attended advanced classes in business, science, math and manual training. This last program fulfilled the provision that was part of the Benoist will that helped finance the building of the school in 1910. Benoist directed that the school be built close to Manual High School so that Academy students could have access to building trades to expand future employment. An interesting course introduced during World War II was Aeronautics, the result of having an airplane fuselage in the Armory. Students learned about airplane construction and the components of a cockpit.

Surviving Difficulties

A fire in 1915 destroyed a partition dividing the play hall from the cafeteria, resulting in a windfall for the school. Insurance covered the cost of replacement materials and labor for the repairs. Brother Lewis Richard, Director, received labor assistance from Christian Brothers headquarters. Without labor costs, the school realized a profit.

In 1918, at the end of WWI, the country faced an epidemic of Spanish influenza. The Board of Health closed schools for 12 weeks. To make up the 12 weeks, all holidays except Christmas Day and New Year's Day were cancelled, and classes were held six days a week. Postwar economics impacted the Academy as well, requiring creative means to earn money. A fundraising carnival, held in conjunction with Redemptorist Parish and conducted by parents of De La Salle students, lasted six days and earned \$7,000 (nearly \$78,000 in 2009).

The enrollment, which appeared so promising in 1925, dropped. By 1928 it was down to 195, a drop of 61 in three years. There was serious consideration to close the school, particularly as the Provincial was receiving tempting offers to open other schools, and the Order did not have enough Brothers to staff these additional schools. The Assistant Provincial who wrote, "The closing of our house and school in Kansas City is approved as wise and necessary." In spite of the above recommendation De La Salle was not closed because the enrollment began to increase, with 222 students in 1930.

Living on the first floor

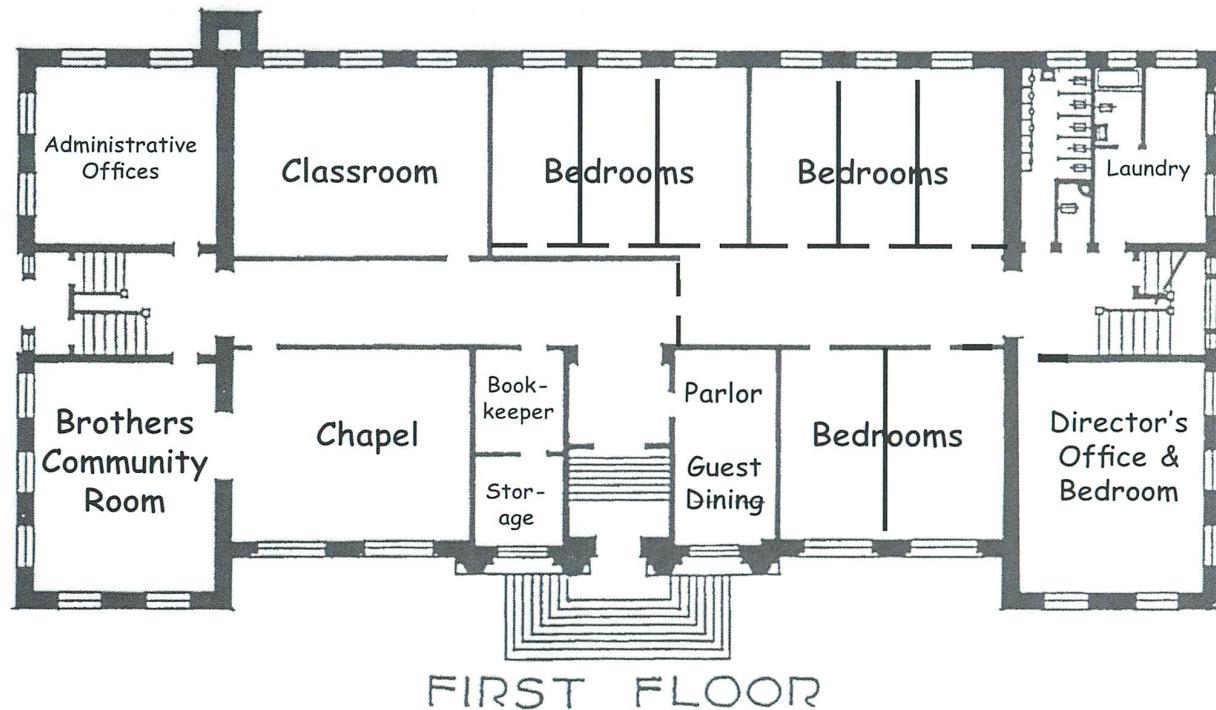
From 1910 to 1942 the Brothers lived on the first floor of the school building. The classrooms for the students were on the second floor. The students entered on 16th street and went up the stairs to the second floor. This arrangement provided living quarters for the Brothers and helped defray the cost of buying or paying rent for a separate residence.

Immediately to the left as you reached the first floor there was a door that led to school administrative offices for the principal and assistant principal. To the right was the Brothers Community room. Each Brother had a desk in this room at which he prepared lessons and graded papers. Students could enter the room to leave late homework assignments and notes from parents.

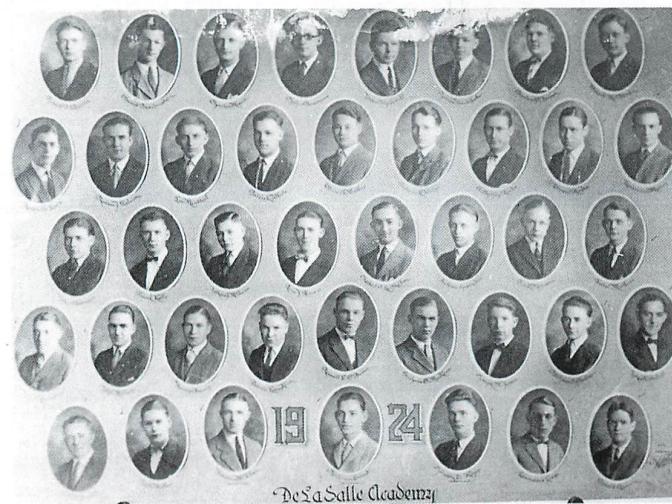
Continuing down the hall a classroom was the first door on the left. The first door on the right was the Brothers Chapel. Students were normally not to use it except with special permission. As you entered the front door, only parents and guests were allowed to do so, a large statue of Saint John Baptist de La Salle was at the top of the stairs. A door on the left at the top of the stairs was a room that was used for the bookkeeper and storage. It later housed the assistant principal's office. A door on the right at the top of the stairs was a parlor and a guest dining room used to visit with parents and guests of the Brothers. These rooms later housed the principal's and secretary's offices.

A wall across the corridor closed off the rest of the corridor and housed the living quarters of the Brothers. Bedrooms for nine Brothers lined either side of the corridor. At the end of the corridor were common restrooms and showers for the Brothers. A room to the left of the stairs beyond the restrooms/showers was used as a laundry room which provided space for ironing and sewing. The north stairwell provided access to the second floor classrooms as well as access to the ground floor in which was located the Brothers' kitchen and dining hall.

On the second floor as well as the ground floor a wall separated the stairwells from the student areas to which the students did not have access. This arrangement continued until 1942 when the Brothers purchased the apartment for their residence two doors to the north at 1512 Paseo.



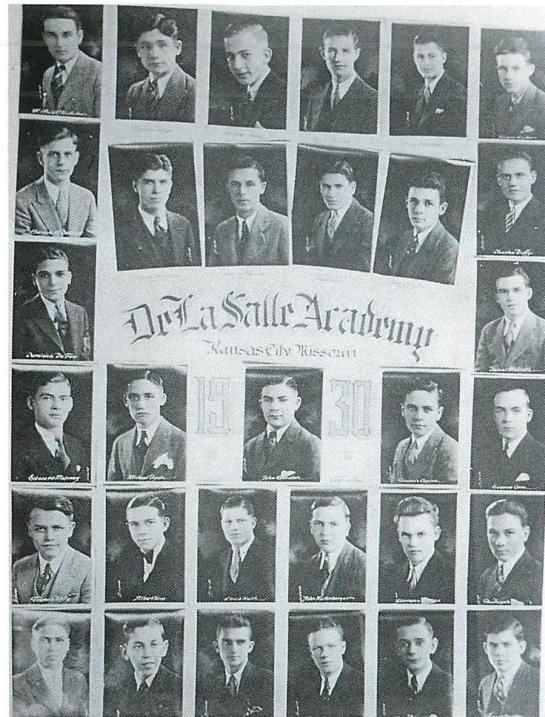
Classes of the 1910s & 1920s



A project to gather and photograph the class composite pictures brought these from the 1920s and 30s. Some of the composites are missing.

Few materials were available from the 1920s and 1930s so coverage for those decades is sparse. Some composite photos have been damaged due to storage following the closing of the school.

Thanks to George Van Compernolle '55 for his work in taking these photos. More composites appear in succeeding pages of the history.



Class of 1932



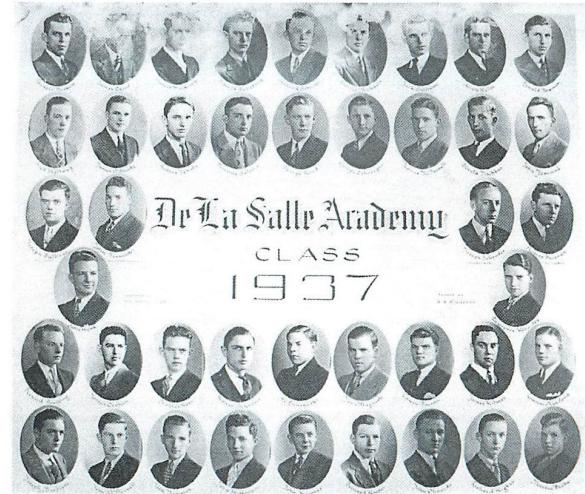
Class of 1933



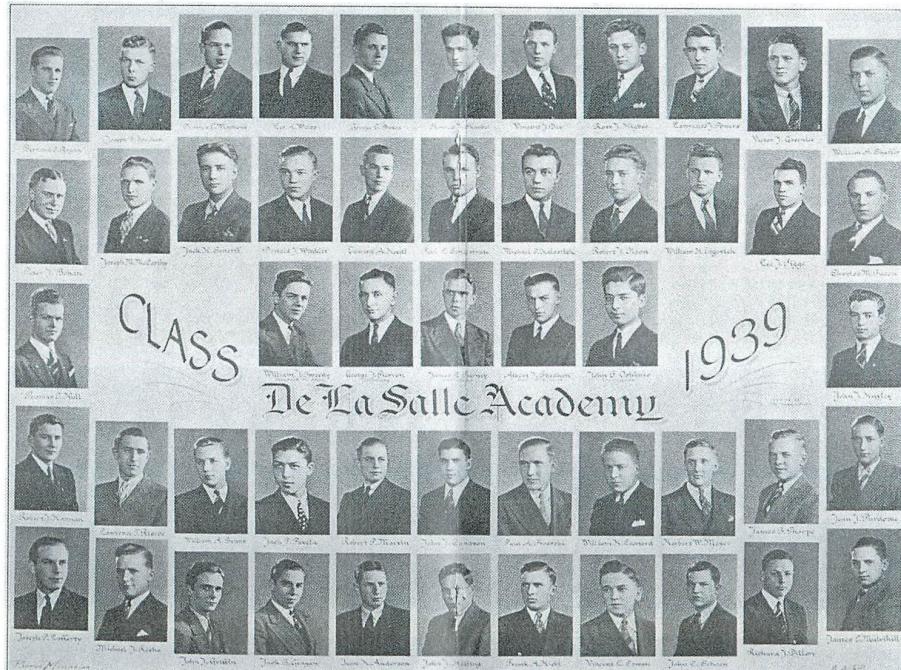
Dates on photos are yearbook dates



De La Salle Academy
CLASS 1936



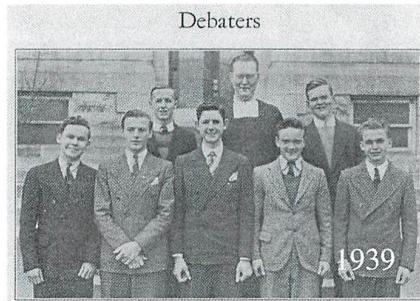
De La Salle Academy
CLASS
1937



De La Salle Academy

1939

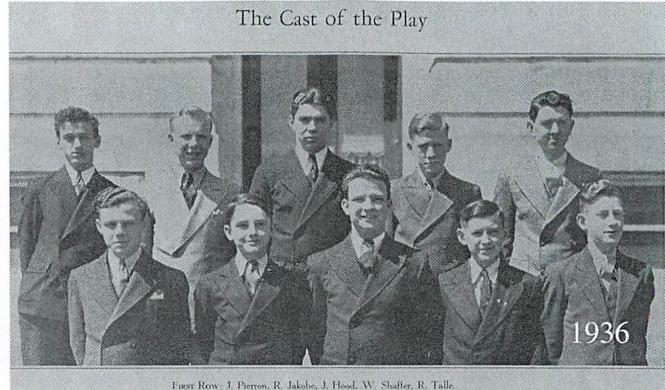
Groups from 1936 and 1939



Debaters



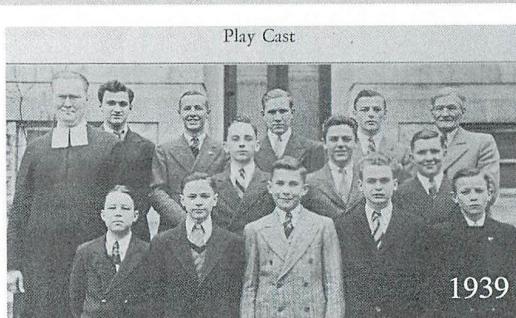
De La Salle Orchestra



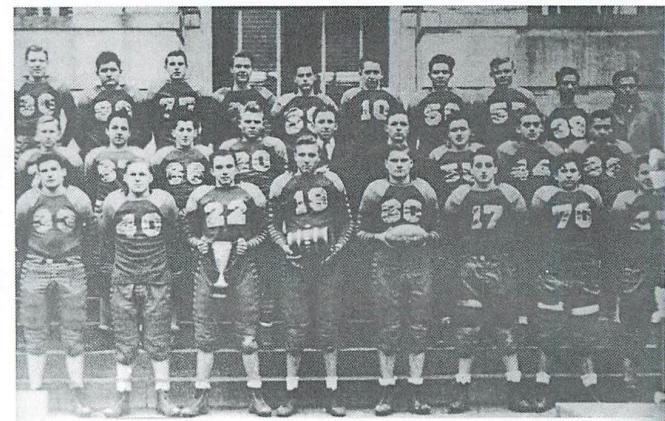
The Cast of the Play



De La Salle Band



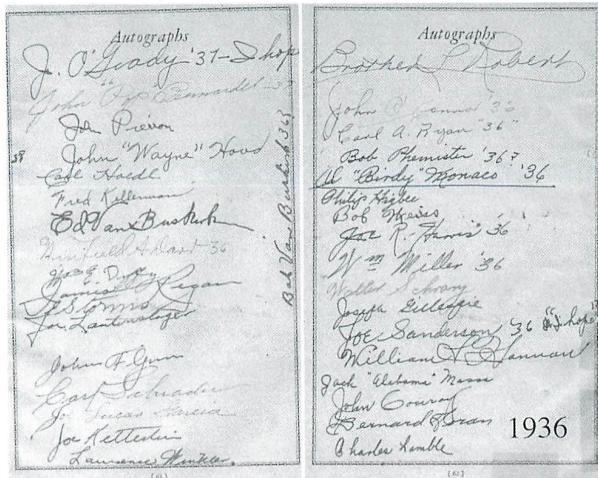
Play Cast



1924

With few publications remaining from the 1930s, we feel fortunate to have a couple of play programs that include the group photos on this page. The autographs on the pages (right) also come from the play programs, each of which contains an amazing number of ads from supporters of DLS.

The yearbook page at right shows another celebration of DLS's victory over Rockhurst and the winning of the Little Oak Keg, precursor of the Little Brown Jug.



CAVALIERS CELEBRATE
Held in Pep Hall Monday.
Attributed Success of
to Rest of Team.

After the De La Salle



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Christian Brothers Golden Jubilee in Kansas City

On November 23, 1939, the Brothers observed the Fiftieth Anniversary of their coming to Kansas City. A Commemorative Pageant, written by Brother Gerard, assisted by William Bannon, was presented at the Municipal Auditorium before large and appreciative audiences. A week of celebration was opened by Solemn Mass at the Cathedral, featured by the unusual sight of a Solemn Mass where every officer of the Divine Sacrifice was a "Brothers' Boy."

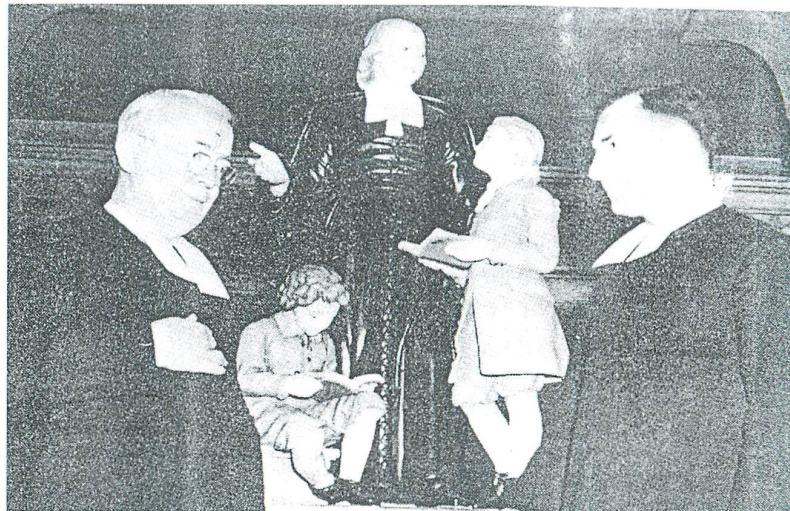
At the close of the ceremony Bishop O'Hara spoke of the achievements of the Brothers over the past fifty years. Other events commemorating the occasion included an alumni banquet and the pageant, which was presented by a combined cast of students and alumni and depicting the life of St. John Baptist de La Salle.

Golden Jubilee Pageant Cast

Terry Van Buskirk '42	Spirit of 1680
Hugh Nivens '42	Spirit of the Future
John Kerwin '25	Voice of Tableaux
Henry Riederer '28	St. John Baptist de La Salle
Bernard Lynch '29	L'Abbe Vincent Cercelet
John Kelly '29	Le Duc de Mazirin
William Mulvihill '42	Jacque, a servant; a gendarme
Roger Walsh '41	A Brother
James Cummings '43	A Brother
James Hartnett '40	Beggar, Emil, Cardinal/deacon
John Van Buskirk '40	Beggar, Paul
Emmet Carry '40	Old Man
Charles Cierpoit '40	Old Woman
James Dold '43	Poor Child, American Youth
Joseph Kissinger '43	Beggar, Michael, gendarme
Miles B. Minnies '26	M. Crolet, writing master
John Samuels '26	Brother Director
Thomas Beck '34	Bailiff
John Ryan '24	A Brother
Walton Mulloy '27	A Brother
Jos. Crahan '41	A Brother
James Mauer '43	John
James Noonan '41	Thomas
Richard Mueller '43	Robert
Richard O'Halloran '40	James
Frank Peterschmidt	Edward, Cardinal/deacon
Anthony Rizzo '40	Pope Benedict XIII, Pope Leo XIII
Patrick Mullane '33	Priest
Joseph Donahue '43	Europe
Robert Huston '43	Asia
Thomas O'Leary '43	Africa
Clarence Groff '43	Orient
Charles Cain '42	Cardinal Maseella
Louis Nugent '43	Train-Bearer
John Riordan '30	Msgr. Pacelli
John O'Connor	Msgr. Volpinio
Wm. J. Bannon	Director of Pageant
Brother H. Gerard	Assistant
Brother Laurence Matthias	Assistant

Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Brother Brendan Charles (left) & Brother Lawrence, Directors, at Br. Brendan Charles' first return trip to his "beloved" Kansas City since leaving in 1916.



Golden Jubilee Pageant

Saint John Baptist de La Salle, Patron of Youth

Prelude: The Spirit of the Time (cir.1680), mourning the moral wreckage of the children of France, is consoled by the Spirit of the Future who promises that a holy priest and his disciples shall remedy the evil.

Tableaux 1: St. John Baptist de La Salle communing with Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament. "Panis Angelicus" — "Low Before Thy Tabernacle"

Episode I: M. Vincent Cercelet and Le Duc de Mazirin discuss De La Salle's work in the schools of Rheims and envision the foundation of an Order to perpetuate it.

Tableaux 2: St. John Baptist de La Salle gives his fortune to the poor. "Sequence" from the Mass Sinite of St. De La Salle

Episode II: The new congregation is burdened by many trials, including opposition by the writing masters, the tradition-bound teachers of the time.

Tableaux 3: St. De La Salle and his Brothers bind themselves by vow to the work of instructing the poor. "Laudate Dominum" — "Ecce quam bonum" — "Sancte Joannes"

Episode III: By 1716 De La Salle's work is firmly established. His Congregation is recognized for its enlivening, revolutionary effect on popular education. He passes from one foundation to another, counseling, guiding, and directing the work of his Brothers. We look in on one of these visitations.

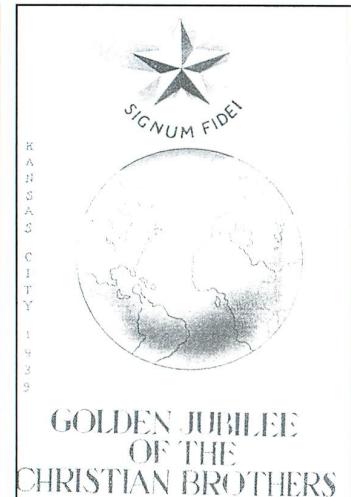
Tableaux 4: Pope Benedict XIII gives solemn approbation to the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. "As Rome Rejoices"

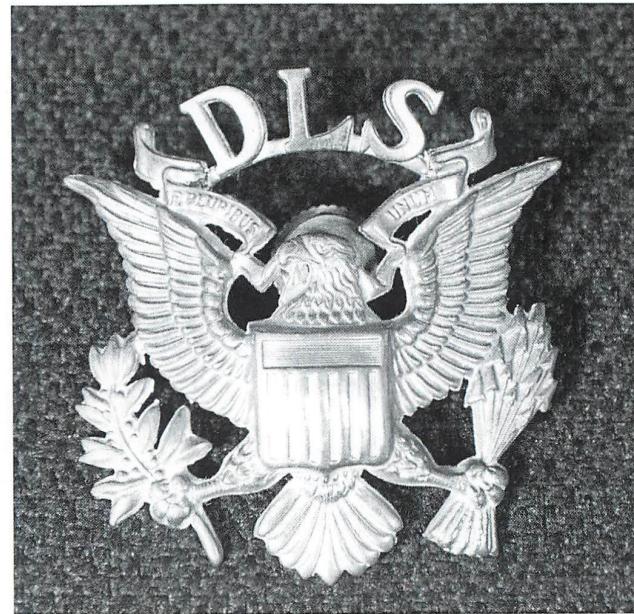
Episode IV: Hardships and labors have taken their toll. The Saint is dying.

Tableaux 5: St. John Baptist de La Salle leads the children of every race to the feet of Christ the King. "Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

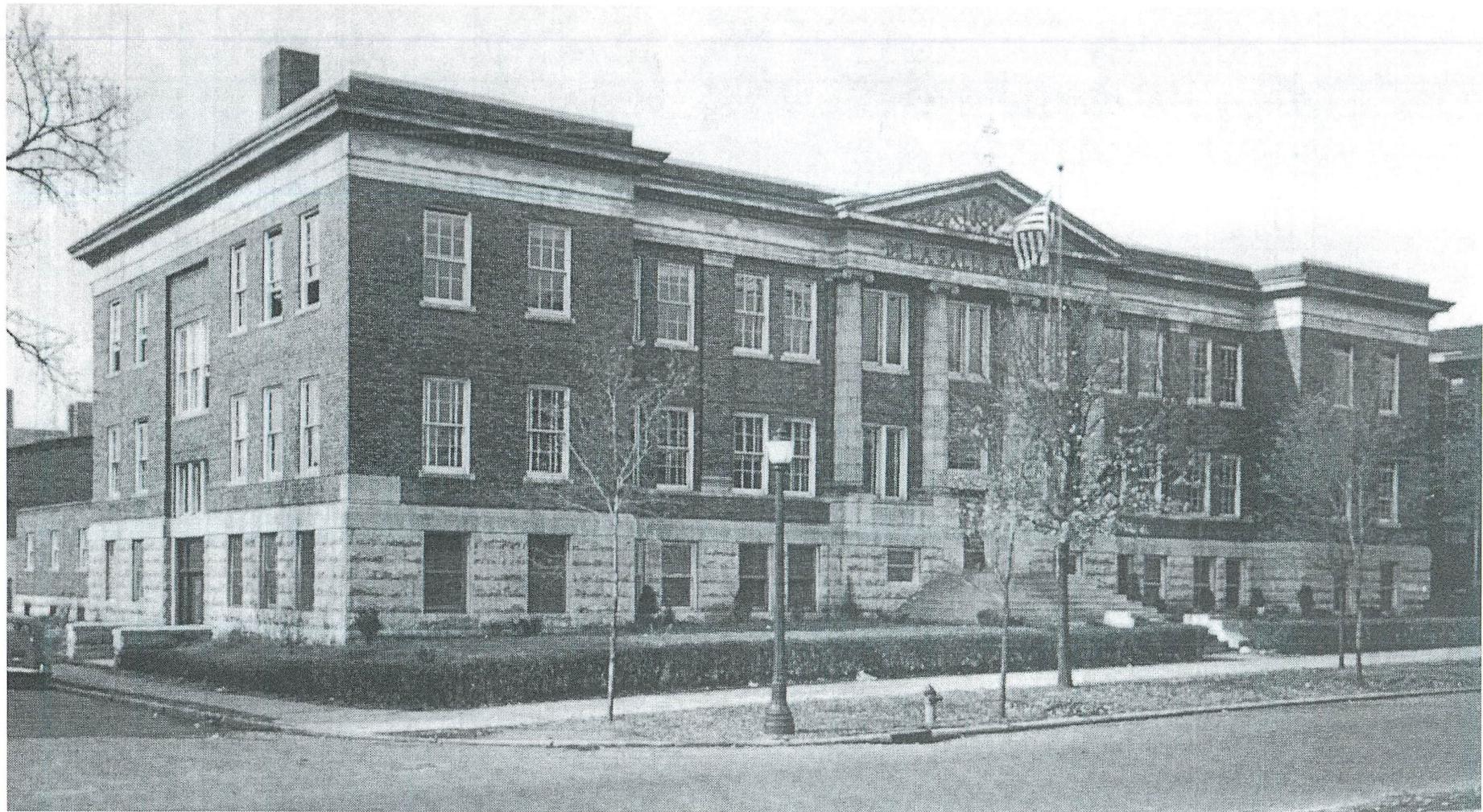
Episode V: Pope Leo XIII proclaims De La Salle a canonized saint of the Catholic Church. "Tu Es Petrus" — "Te Deum"

Finale: St. De La Salle, Thou Fount of Youth" Musical arrangement by Brother James Walter, F.S.C., Cretin High School, St. Paul, MN



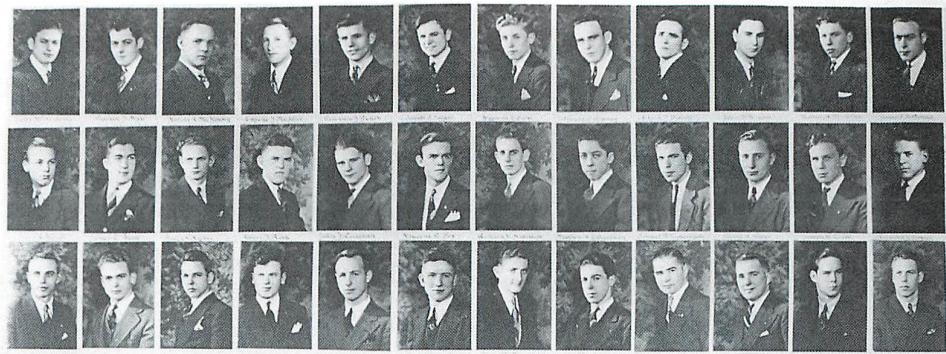


Cavaliers to Cadets
Purple & Gold

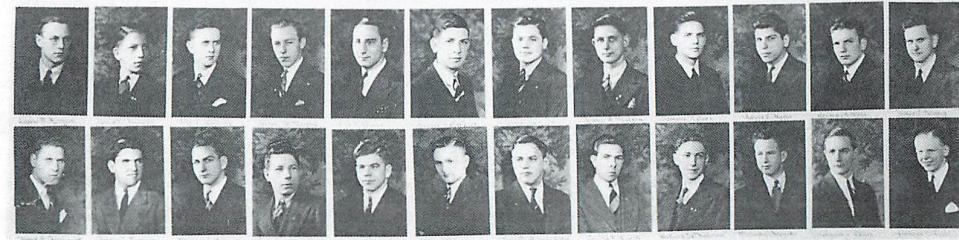


De La Salle Academy • A History • 1910-2010

1524 Paseo • 1940-1950



De La Salle Academy
CLASS OF 1940



De La Salle
Academy
Class of 1941



Classes of the 1940s

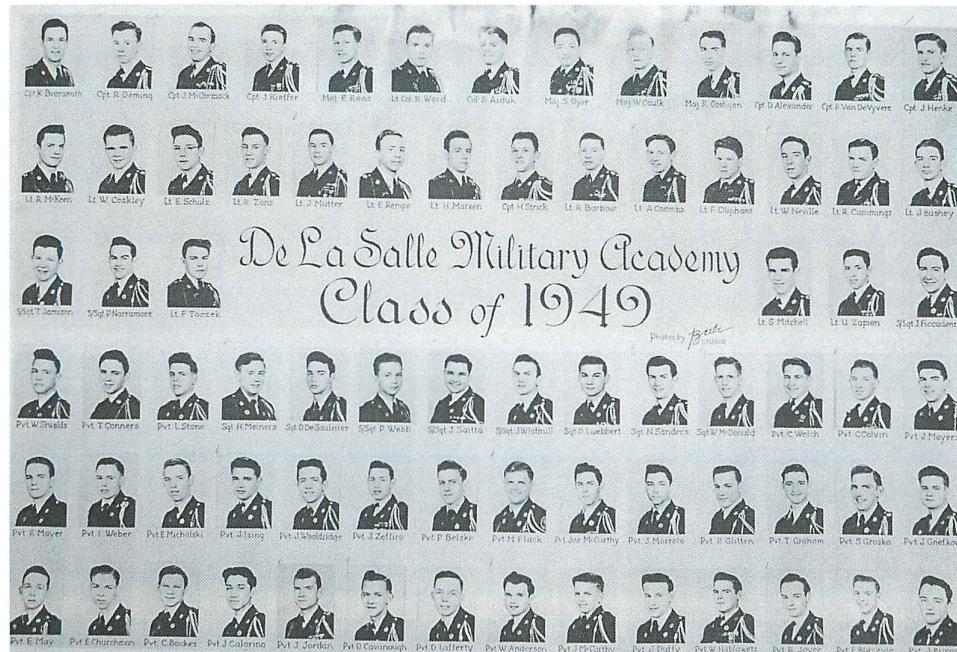
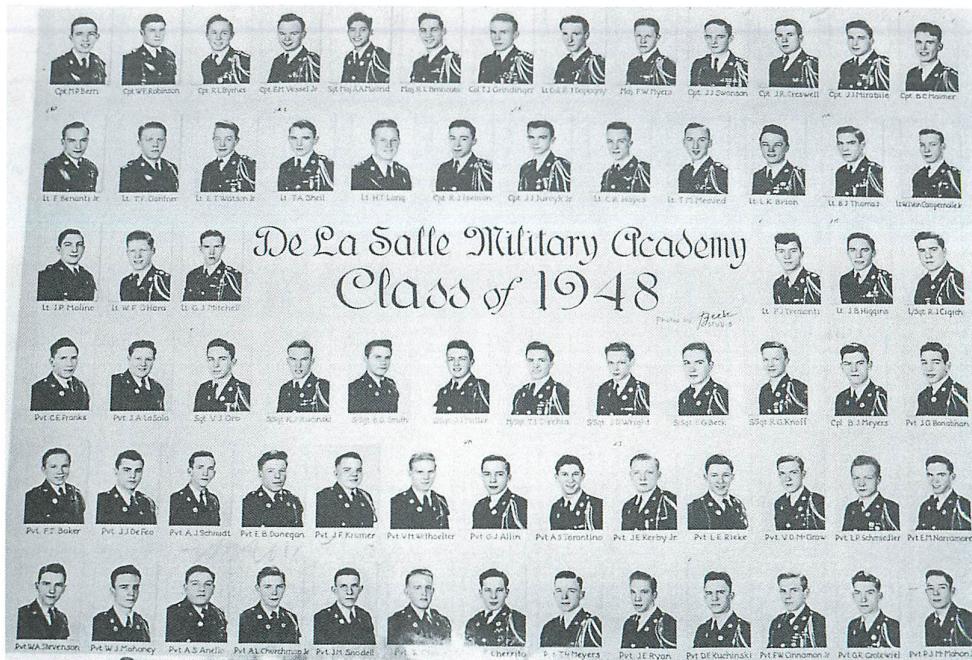


De La Salle Military Academy
Class of 1942



19 - De La Salle Military Academy - 43

Dates on photos are yearbook dates



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Faculty 1940-41

Br. Lawrence Edward
Br. Joannis Gabriel
 Br. Jerlath John
Br. Leonidas Austin
Br. Josephus Edward
Br. Kenelm Gerard
Br. Josiah Stephen
Br. Hubert Gerard
Br. Hyacinth Bernard
Br. Hilary Anselm

Faculty 1946-47

Br. Kevin Stanislaus
Br. Gontram Francis
Br. Hermeus Norman
Br. Honorius Edward
Br. Hubert Maurelian
Br. Hugh Malachy
Br. James Lewis
Br. Jerome Vincent
Br. Joachim Michael
Br. Joseph Walter
Br. Jovinian Leo
Br. Kiaran Gilbert
Br. Lawrence Martin
Br. Leonidas Austin

Building the Gymnasium

From 1910 to 1941 De La Salle did not have a gymnasium for physical education and basketball practice or games. Physical education took place in the open space next to the cafeteria. Basketball practice took place in Turners Hall, the Jewish Community Center on Linwood & Wayne and varsity games were played at Redemptorist High School. The Brothers turned to Bishop O'Hara to help them raise the money to construct their own gymnasium and auditorium.



February 12, 1941



Brother Edward Lawrence, Director
De La Salle Academy
16th Street and the Paseo
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Brother Lawrence:

The Christian Brothers who conduct De La Salle Academy have rendered noteworthy educational service to the youths of Kansas City for very many years. It would be difficult to overestimate the wholesome influence of these consecrated teachers on the lives of boys and young men who have come under their influence. Since De La Salle has no endowment except the living endowment of the devoted service of the Brothers who give their lives to the work, and since very many of their pupils are from homes unable to contribute in a material way to the maintenance of the school, the Brothers are forced to make an appeal to their friends for funds. I am sure that this appeal will meet with a generous response on the part of hundreds who know of the Brothers' splendid work, and I most gladly authorize and second their appeal and enclose herewith my own contribution towards the cause.

Very sincerely yours,
+Edwin V. O'Hara
Bishop of Kansas City

for the increasing number of Brothers who were necessary for the increasing enrollment. Their own private chapel and community room would improve space over their first floor accommodations. They would continue to use their kitchen and dining room on the ground floor.

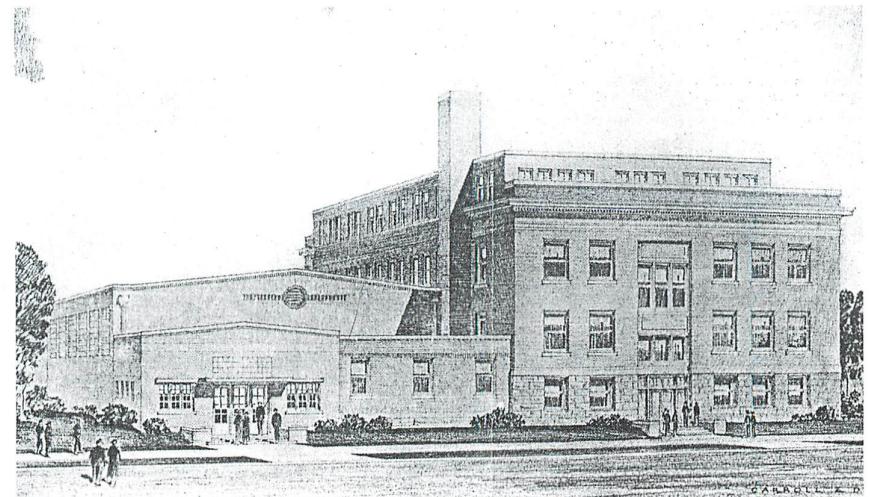
The campaign was conducted over the summer. It became obvious that they would not have sufficient funds to complete the entire project. The third floor part of the planning was dropped and revisited in the early fifties. When and by whom the decision was made to turn the gym to face Lydia is not known.

In 1940 Bishop O'Hara offered the Brothers \$15,000 left over from a recent drive if they could raise an equal amount for the construction of a new gymnasium and auditorium. In 1942 Brother Abban Philip, Assistant Provincial, authorized emergency aid of \$33,000 by the Province for the same purpose.

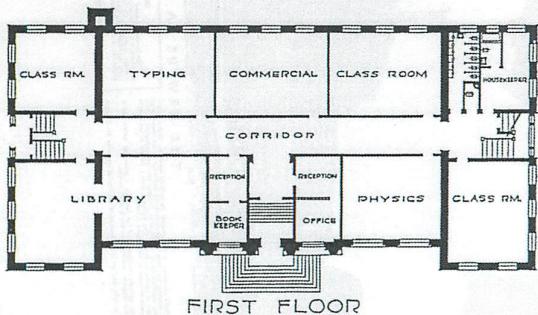
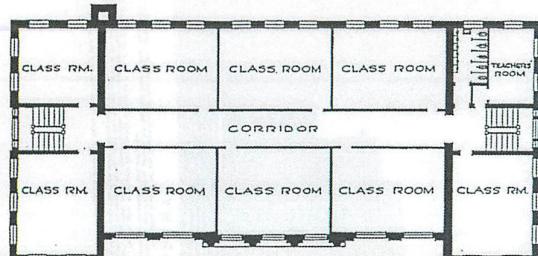
Campaign materials were prepared that included a letter from Bishop O'Hara, the History of St. John Baptist de La Salle and the Brothers in Kansas City, and detailed drawings of the new gymnasium and auditorium. Two things were of interest about the drawings. The gym as proposed faced 16th street not Lydia, and a third floor would house the Brothers.

The gymnasium was originally designed to face 16th street (*pictured below*). The canopy extended to 16th street and proposed parking would be to the west of the gym. Along with the gym a visiting team locker room was added and a corridor connected the school to the gym as it does today. This visiting team locker room is the one story addition off of the 16th street entrance to the gym and corridor leading to the school and gymnasium. A doorway in the corridor led to steps up to what became the athletic upper locker room.

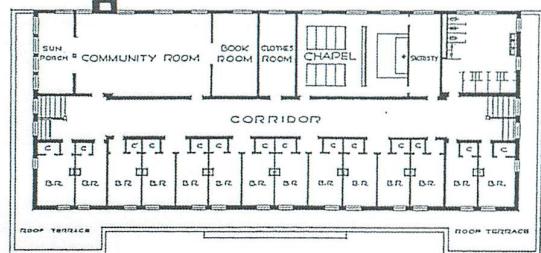
A special feature of the campaign was to construct a Brothers' residence on a third floor. This would free up academic space on the first floor for the increasing student population. Moving the Brothers, who had been living on the first floor since the building was built in 1910, to the third floor would provide room



Dates on photos are yearbook dates



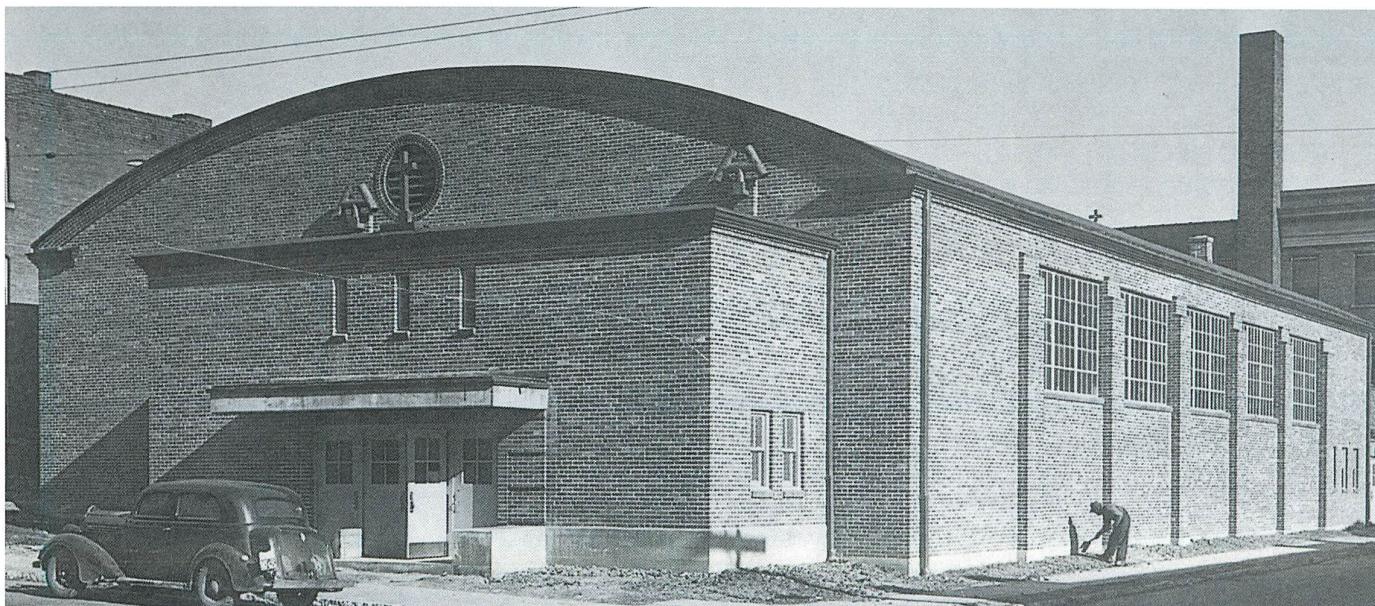
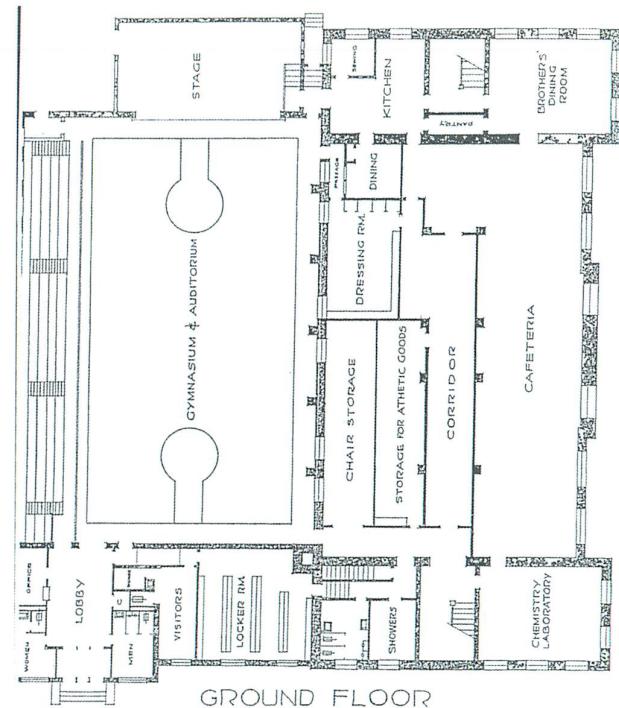
The Brothers' Residence



The residence of the Christian Brothers is far more than a dormitory. It is the center of religious community life that is reflected in the service of the Christian Brothers and their thorough, sympathetic work with the students of De La Salle Academy.

The residence affords facilities for study and meditation and for the Brothers' spiritual life. It is an integral part of the new De La Salle, making significant contributions to its philosophy and accomplishment.

Establishment of Memorials in the Brothers' Residence is of exceptional interest to those who have personal admiration and esteem for the Brothers and their mission.



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

From the program of the dedication of the gym:

"When the new De La Salle was planned, it was thought that \$60,000 would be sufficient money to build a gymnasium and a Brothers' residence on the third floor. Later it was realized that the gymnasium would require the entire sum. Consequently, the Brothers' residence was temporarily omitted from the plans. However, we are not losing sight of it. Some day it will be a reality and then the entire school building will be used in the capacity for which it was built."

Brothers move out of the school building



the Brothers in the basement area for their kitchen and dining area. These classrooms were just north of the cafeteria at the bottom of the steps from the first floor.

With the same help they transformed the apartment building to fit their needs. On the first floor they built a chapel for the Brothers. This was the same chapel that the Brothers encouraged students to visit on their way to school. It was visited most often on test days. In addition to the chapel there was a parlor in which to receive guests, and it connected to the Brothers' dining room. The kitchen was to the rear of the first floor. There were two small bedrooms on this floor that was used by Brothers who had trouble climbing many stairs.

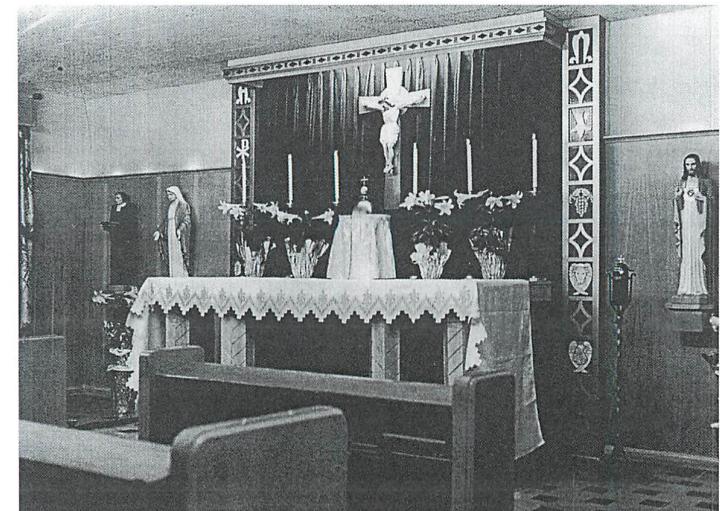
On the second floor there were three bedrooms and a TV and a community room that contained a desk for every Brother to use in preparing lessons and grading student assignments. On the third floor there were five bedrooms, two of which opened onto a balcony overlooking the street.

Much of the above information was provided by Brother William Brynda. His most interesting memory is of one of the Brothers firing a gun at rats that resulted in leaks in the roof. He also remembers that the widow who sold the building to the Brothers mentioned that members of the K. C. Monarchs lived in the building in the 1920s and 1930s.

As the need for more staffing to meet increasing enrollment over the years, the Brothers attempted to purchase the apartment building next to the school. The building at 1518 Paseo was owned by a doctor. Br. William thinks that some Brothers made the doctor angry and he refused to sell the apartment building to the Brothers.

With the increase in enrollment brought about by the introduction of military training it became clear that there would be a need for more classroom space. Since the idea of adding a third floor was dismissed two years earlier in building the gym, another solution had to be found. That solution was found in an offer by a widow who owned a three story apartment building two doors to the north of the school building at 1512 Paseo. Bishop O'Hara gave the Brothers money to purchase the apartment building from Alice Bailey for \$12,500 in May of 1942.

With help from some working Brothers and fathers of students, E. Beavens, Charles Baker, M. Carry and Lester Welch, they quickly constructed six new classrooms and moved the school offices from the top of the north stairs to the main stairway from the front door. An office for the principal and school secretary was provided to the right of the stairs in the area that once housed the Brothers parlor and guest dining room. An office for the school bookkeeper was provided on the left. In addition to gaining restrooms on the first floor, a faculty room was made available in the Brothers laundry room and for the first time students had another stairway from the cafeteria to the second floor. The science labs were moved from the second floor to the rooms used by



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Three Men of Influence in the 1940s

Colonel Per Ramee — A Man of Steel

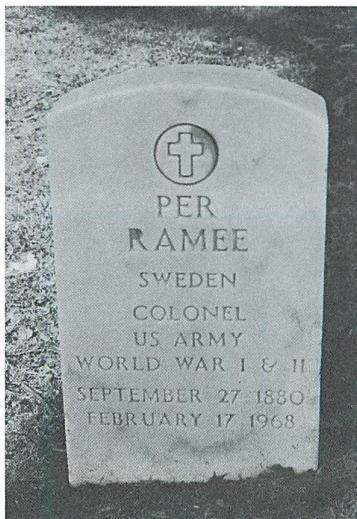
Colonel Per Ramee was born in Sweden in 1880 and entered the Swedish Field Artillery at the age of seventeen. After having served six years in the Swedish military, he arrived in the United States in 1903 and entered the First Minnesota Infantry two years later. In January 1910, Col. Ramee was commissioned Second Lieutenant of the Philippines Scouts by President Taft, and was promoted four years later to First Lieutenant by President Wilson.

Following WWI Col. Ramee commanded a rifle team in the Philippines, which later entered national competition in the U.S. He was a student at the Command and General Staff School during 1924 and 1938. In 1927 Col. Ramee was again ordered to the Philippines and remained there to 1938, acting as training inspector of the new Army at that point. During this time he made the acquaintance of Gen. Omar Bradley, and they became very good friends.

He returned to the U.S. again in 1939 and conducted mobilization training for one year at Camp Robinson, AR. In 1941 he was Commanding Officer of the 69th Infantry Brigade, and the following two years served as Professor of Military Science & Tactics at Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, MO. While serving at this post, he accepted an offer for the position of PMS&T at DLS. Brother Kevin Mackey introduced him to the Cadet Corps at an assembly in October 1944.

Everyone who met Per Ramee was impressed and awed by his presence – head erect, body straight, shoulders square, jaw firm, and he was a man of few words. His military presence spoke of leadership and command. He could look right through you and seemed able to see everyone in the parade and know if they were marching properly or not. He would often shout out, “you, the man with the hair” and you felt he was talking to you personally. He demanded discipline and attention to military cadence and commands, and we responded because we knew that he took great pride in our performances.

He died February 17, 1968, and is buried at Fort Leavenworth.



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Brother Fred Oberrieder '48 "Col. Per Ramee had little or no tolerance for monkey business relating to the rifles used in firing practice. He said once: 'Never point a gun at a person unless you aim to kill him.' It was told that once when having a talk with Brother Kevin, Director, he asked the Director what might his salary be? Brother Kevin mentioned that Brothers do not receive salaries, and his retort was 'and neither shall I.'"

John Sheeley '55 "Named the Man who taught the American Army how to shoot ... he developed his 'thumb press' method of shooting. He was a graduate of both the Infantry School at Fort Benning, GA, and the Command General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, KS. He was a Presidential Marksman and the 'hands on soldier' in the development of the M1 weapon system."



Brother Kevin Stanislaus Mackey —

Brother Kevin (Stanislaus) Mackey, FSC, 93, died at Resurrection Medical Center in Chicago on Friday, August 22, 2008. A De La Salle Christian Brother for 75 years, he was born and baptized Bartley Vincent Mackey in Chicago on May 26, 1915.

He attended St. George H.S. in Evanston, IL and later graduated from La Salle Institute in Glencoe, MO in 1933. He then entered the novitiate of the Brothers, professed his first vows in 1934 and his perpetual vows in 1940.

Brother Kevin earned his B.A. degree in 1937 from Saint Mary's College (Winona, MN) and his M.A. from St. Louis University in 1940. His first teaching assignment was at De La Salle Academy in Kansas City from 1937 to 1940. He returned as Principal to DLS Kansas City from 1946 to 1952.

"Br. Kevin was the first director I had in Community since he was at DLSKC when I did my practice teaching in 1950. What's been said of him is absolutely true. The Brothers loved him and the kids idolized him as well – even to this day.

"Kevin was the epitome of kindness, compassion and sincere friendliness. Kevin came back for alumni reunions many times when he was able. His reward will be great. RIP indeed."

Jerry Schmeltz (Brother Julius)

"God rest our dear teacher, Brother Kevin Mackey. He came to De La Salle in 1937. I had him for class. We all liked him. Smart and kindly, he was. I met him at an alumni meeting in 1988 – 50 years after I graduated from De La Salle. I believe he was the youngest looking man at the gathering. So glad he became the principal of De La Salle, 1946-1952.

"Soon I will say a Mass for the repose of his soul. But as you write 'His reward will be great.' He will intercede for all of us."

Fr. Ed Cosgrove C.s.s.R. '38



"On a sad note, we have just lost another of your biggest fans. Brother Kevin died last Friday, August 22. I know that we share great respect and admiration for Brother Kevin."

Jack Gladbach '51

Excerpts from Brother Kevin's Official Obituary

On February 1, 1930, Bart entered the Juniorate program at La Salle Institute in Glencoe, Missouri. For the next three and a half years he studied and excelled in the program. He was an excellent student and the religious routine of the program suited him well. In May of 1933 he completed his high school education at La Salle and a month later on June 15, 1933, he entered the Novitiate. There on August 29, 1933, he received the habit of the Brother and the religious name of Brother Kevin Stanislaus.

After a brief home visit and his annual retreat, Kevin was off to his first teaching assignment at De La Salle Academy in Kansas City, Missouri. He experienced great success in the classroom. He taught English, Religion and Latin, and volunteered to help out in the CCD program and with the school chorus. He also volunteered to help coach, an extracurricular he would maintain throughout his entire career.

Transferred back to De La Salle Academy in Kansas City age of 31, he was named Principal and Director. "In those days, administration was not really considered a full time job; most administrators taught a regular schedule and ran the office in what spare time they could find," he said. "I pretty much did the same thing." Kevin taught his usual Latin, English and mathematics classes over the years there and also occupied himself with the CCD program and "of course," athletics. During his time in Kansas City he completed his work for his M.A. at St. Louis University and the degree was awarded him in 1947.



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

He brought stability to the athletic program

Godfrey Kobets

Godfrey Kobetsitsch was born in 1915 in Kansas City, Kansas. His brother changed their name from Kobetsitsch to Kobets partly because almost nobody could pronounce it or spell it or determine their national origin from it. Everybody called him "Kobe."

He grew up in tough neighborhoods that were often filled with fights and prejudice. He avoided most fights because all of the nationalities needed a catcher and he was a good one. He once had a tryout with

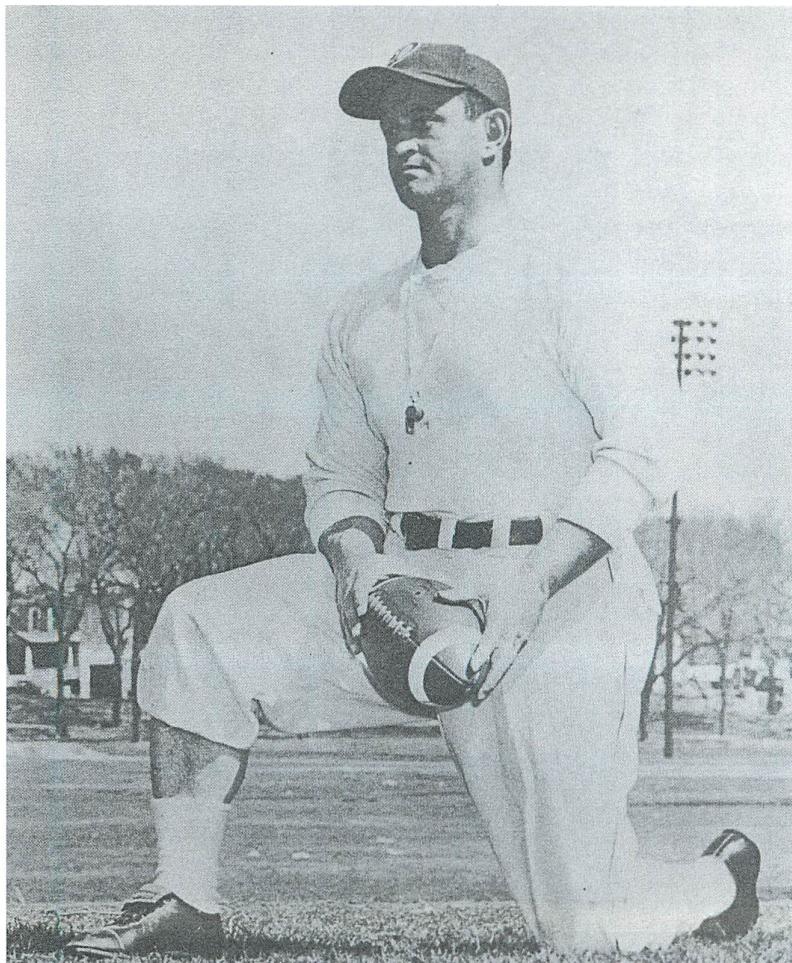
the Cincinnati Reds. His nose had been broken eleven times and "smashed flat" twice. Scars marked his forehead and arms. In short, you wouldn't want to pick a fight with him.

His coaching career at Rockhurst Jesuit High School is legendary. He coached football, baseball and basketball – had five championship teams in six years. "I disciplined the boys," says Kobets. "If they brought a date to a game they were playing in, they knew they wouldn't be playing for me anymore. I told them, "You eat, sleep, drink and play the game as hard as you practice your religion."

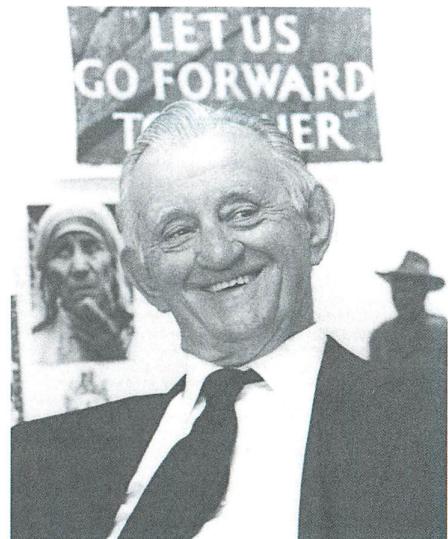
In 1946 Kobe began coaching at De La Salle. Until 1956 he was the only paid head coach. He coached it all – football, basketball and baseball. The school served boys like he was as a youth – tough, determined to succeed and, in most cases, overachievers. He admired and lived the teachings of St. John Baptist de La Salle who worked with and for boys of all backgrounds and nationalities.

Godfrey Kobets lived a very full life. His beloved wife, Dolores, died in 1990. He continued working every day at Benilde Hall. In July 1996, as he was vacationing in St. Louis with his daughter, Sister Mary Francis Kobets, and other members of his family, he suffered a massive heart attack and died. He was eighty years old.

Undefeated – The Story of Godfrey Kobets of DeLaSalle Education Center,
by Helen Ashmore, DeLaSalle Education Center, Kansas City, Missouri, 2002



Dates on photos are yearbook dates



The Parade – The Heart Of Outdoor Activities

Whether by chance or on purpose, locating the Academy across the street from a large park was an excellent choice. The original name of the park was *The Parade*. Some thought it was named in response to the use of the park by the Military Academy in the 40s and 50s. In 1893 the Board of Park Commissioners sought a centrally located tract that could be used for the drilling and parade of local military organizations, as well as for large outdoor demonstrations and public gatherings. In 1904 the first public bath (swimming pool) in Kansas City was constructed at The Parade and a sunken five-acre field served as an athletic field in the summer and ice skating rink in the winter. Gregg Community Center replaced the public bathhouse in 1940.

The school used The Parade in many ways over the years. It was from the beginning the site of spring and fall football practice. (Spring football practice lasted into the 40s). Not only De La Salle but football teams from Manual, Lincoln, and R. T. Coles High Schools used the park for practice. Each school would have up to three teams (varsity, junior varsity, freshman) practicing at the same time. There was often an opportunity for teams to scrimmage against each other before the opening of the season. The park did not have lights but many academy teams practiced well into darkness – especially after a loss or before a big game, i.e. Rockhurst. Some junior varsity and freshman games were played on The Parade. A field was roughly laid out diagonally in order to mark off a 100 yard field. After lining the field the next important task was walking the field to pick up broken glass and other objects that were a risk to the players. It was not unusual for a spectator to wander through the field of play during a game.

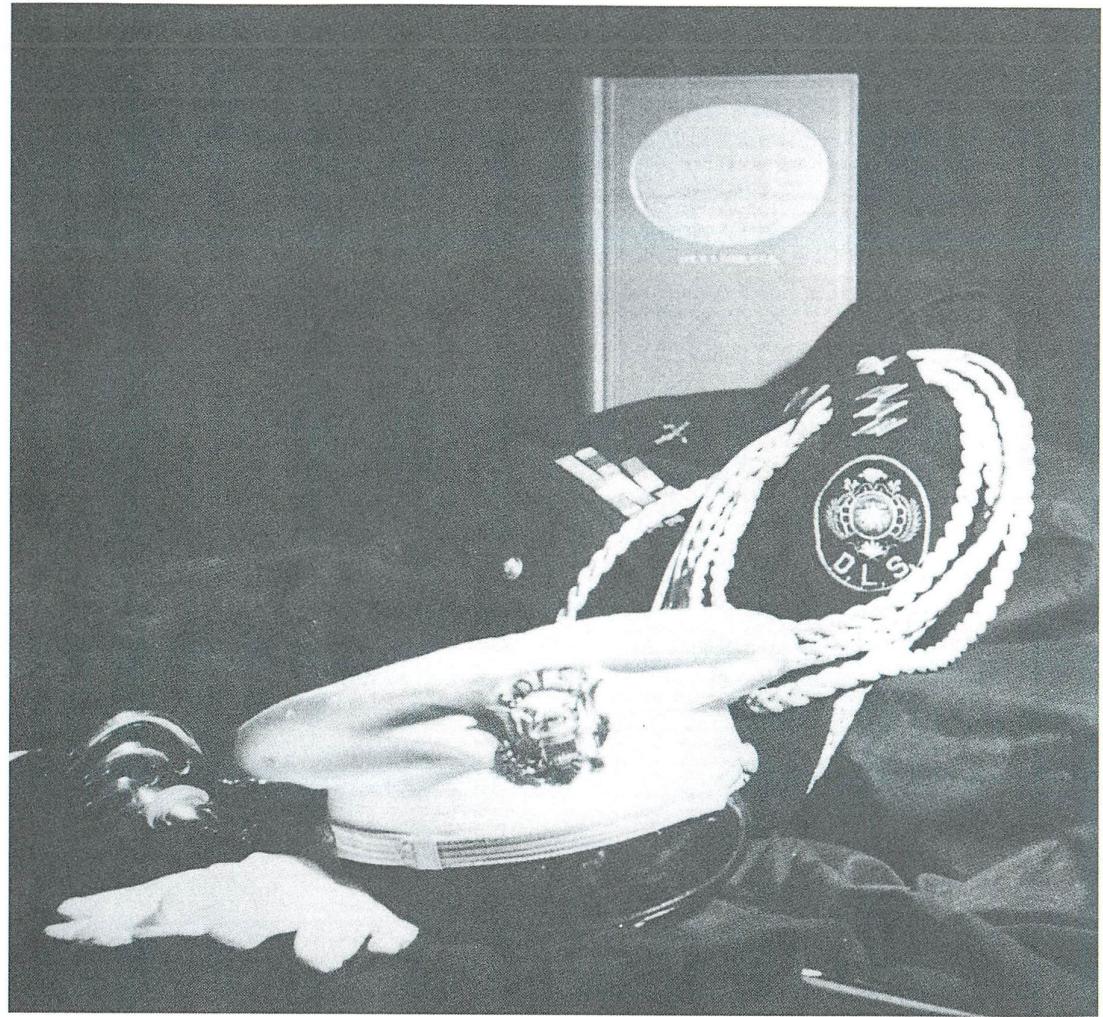
The park provided a close practice area for the baseball team. A dirt diamond with a few blades of grass in the outfield was better than traveling some distances to practice. It was always considered to be a home field advantage for the Academy teams. After practicing on it every day the baseball players knew where the drains in the fields were and where the holes were that had been dug by the local youth. In fact, in 1918 the Rockhurst baseball game was postponed due to excess rains. The Parade drained well and DLS offered to play the game on The Parade. Rockhurst refused to do so and the game was played in June after school was out for the year.

The biggest sports challenge was using the track for home meets. Not many teams would consider doing so. A 440, four lane track, was hand dug by the track team in order to have home track meets. Field events areas were marked off. Shot put and javelin throws were especially dangerous as you had to guard against neighborhood visitors to the park wandering into their paths. Some of the most exciting times were when a home baseball game and track meet were scheduled at the same time. Baseball players were often times chasing a long fly ball hit into the track areas. One advantage was that a baseball player could be taken out of the game so that he could run an event in the track meet.

Obviously, the biggest use of The Parade was during the years of military training during the 40s and 50s, where military marching and drilling took place in good weather. With such a large area it was easy to separate the Corps into battalions, companies, and squads for drill. It also provided an excellent area to practice parading to prepare for formal parades downtown. The Friday formal review for the principal or a special guest was the highlight of the week. No matter what the activity they were always guaranteed a home crowd as the park was used by the neighborhood as a place to gather and watch a variety of sports and activities.



Dates on photos are yearbook dates



De La Salle Academy • A History • 1910-2010
1524 Paseo • Military Academy • 1942-1960

Military Training Comes to De La Salle

The Year 1941 witnessed a departure from the beaten path of educational endeavor. During the tenure of Brother Josephus of Jesus, Military Training was added to the curricula offered by the school, and in 1941-42 the seniors took their graduation picture in military uniforms. By 1942 - 43 the entire student body was in uniform. Thus De La Salle took its place as the eighth Military Academy conducted by the Brothers.

Before military training began there was no wall between the cafeteria and the space that became the Armory. In 1943 a wall was erected and the space was used to house military equipment, including an airplane fuselage. In the beginning the Cadet Corps only had wooden rifles for drill. The room was soon filled with 30 caliber 1917 Infield bolt action 9-pound rifles, but wooden rifles remained, especially for smaller Cadets who could not handle the heavier Infield rifles.

In the spring of 1942 the first military instructor was Sergeant Lane who came from Manual High School twice a week for training. In the fall of 1942, Lt. Carter C. Williams, who was a member of the Missouri State Guard, was introduced as the new military instructor with the title of Professor of Military Science and Tactics. In the fall of 1943 Carter C. Williams, now a Captain, was called into the army and a Lt. Meade became the new P.M.S.& T. Short order drill and manual of arms were the basic military training in the beginning. It expanded to firing rifles on a range in the armory and into portable targets in the gym.

In 1944 Brother Kevin invited Col. Per Ramee, a retired military officer who was an instructor at Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, Missouri, to come to De La Salle and take charge of the military training of the Cadet Corps. He brought discipline, order and professionalism to the program.

Per Ramee led the program until 1956 when Major Ferris G. Spoor, Sgt. V.O. Taylor, and M/Sgt. Sam E. Bottorff took over the program until it ceased in the spring of 1960.



—Kansas City Star Photograph.

INFORMAL INSPECTION

Sergt. Clarence L. Lane (left), an R. O. T. C. Instructor, examines the new uniforms of Jack Schutty, 615 East Ninth Street, and Johnny Mika, 1601 Central Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas. The two boys are seniors at De La Salle Academy, which is being converted into a private military high school.



Maj. Ferris G. Spoor,
PMS&T



Sgt. V.O. Taylor
Asst. Sgt. Inst. Crack Drill Team

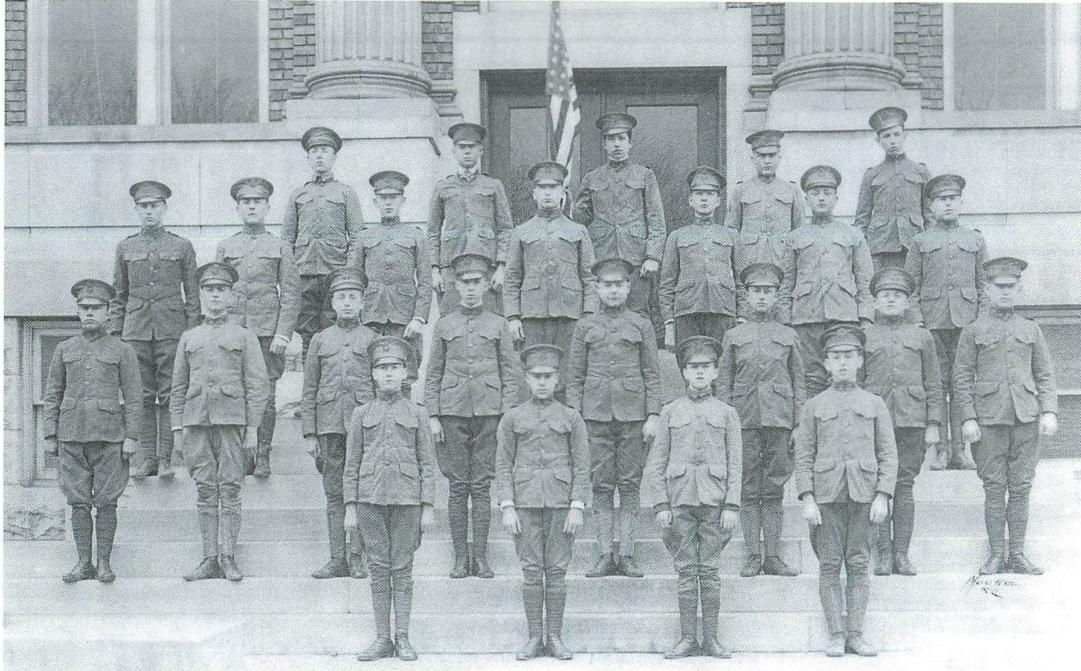


M/Sgt. Sam E. Bottorff
Military Science Rifle Team

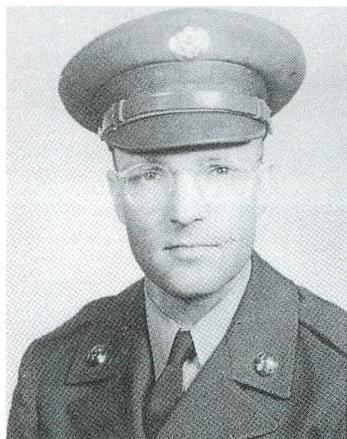
Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Cadet Colonels at DLS Military

- 1943 — Col. Tom U. Derr
- 1944 — Col. Bernard Tschirhart
- 1945 — Col. Jim Mack
- 1946 — Col. John Konac (1st sem.)
Col. James L. Meyers (2nd sem.)
- 1947 — Col. Michael McCormack
- 1948 — Col. T.J. (Tom) Grindinger
- 1949 — Col. Robert J. Aiduk
- 1950 — Col. Charles Samenus
- 1951 — Col. John Holland
- 1952 — Col. Wilfred F. DeClercq
- 1953 — Col. Paul Sachen
- 1954 — Col. Louis A. Guillou
- 1955 — Col. Michel F. Vogelsang
- 1956 — Col. Gerald B. Allen
- 1957 — Col. David A. Offutt
- 1958 — Col. Robert J. Samanus
- 1959 — Lt. Col. Joseph Lipoma
- 1960 — Col. Kenneth E. Roper



Drawn stiffly to attention in November, 1918, shortly before the collapse of the Central Powers, the original Cadet Corps of De La Salle stands on the front steps in their Craddock khakis. The corps lapsed in 1919 after a life of less than two years.



M/Sgt. Louis G. Deback
Military Science

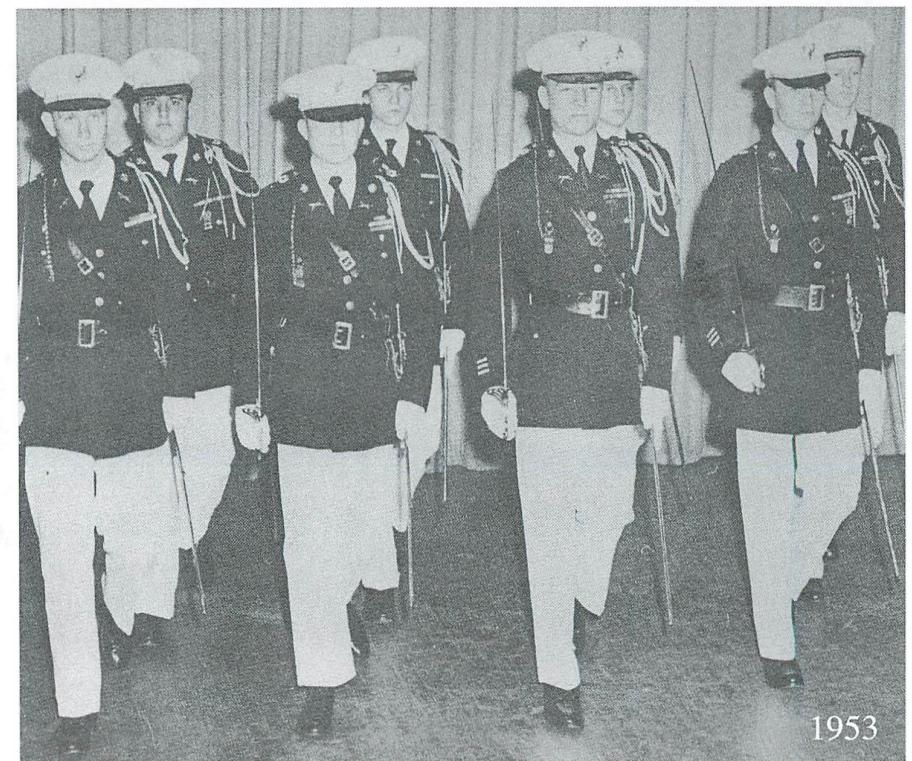


Capt. James A. Flanagan
Asst. PMS&T

Military Instructors

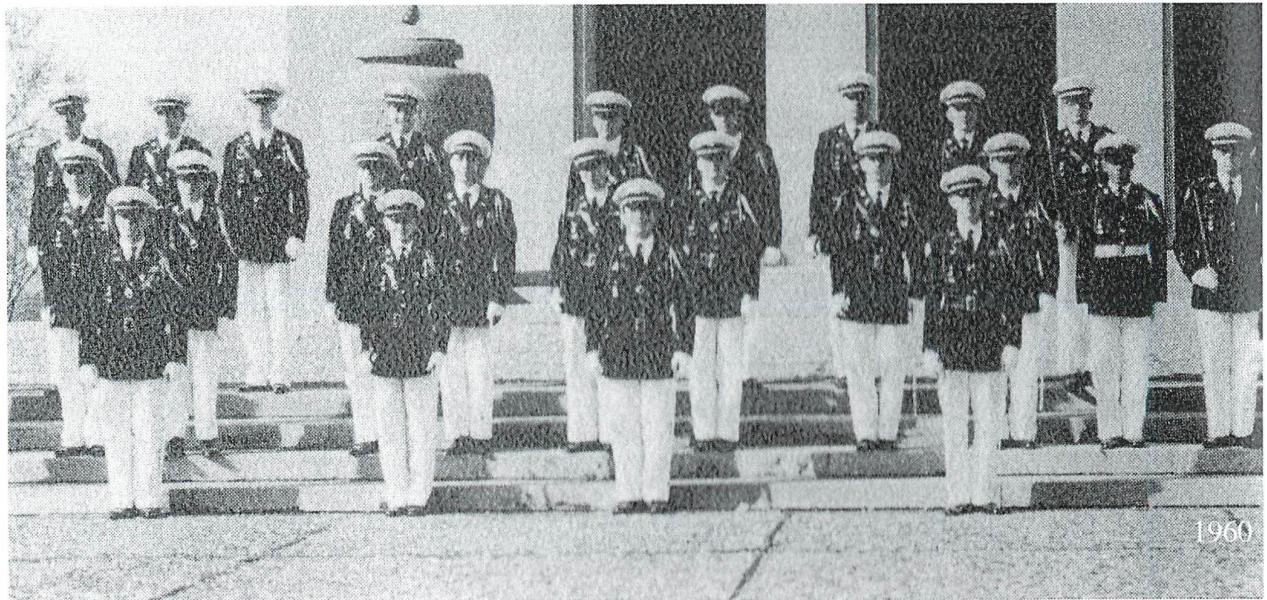
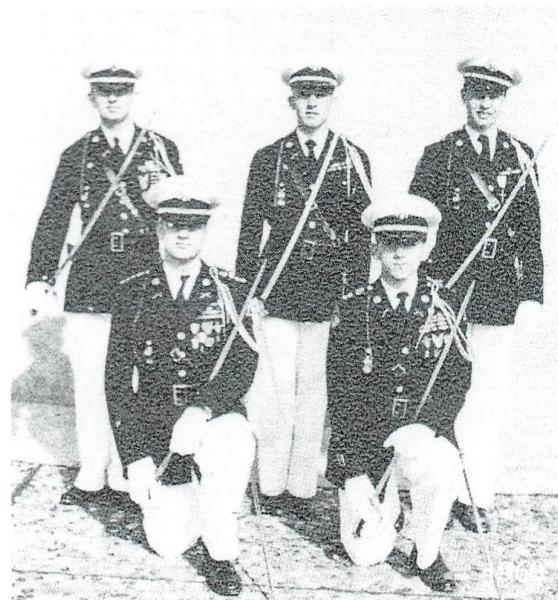
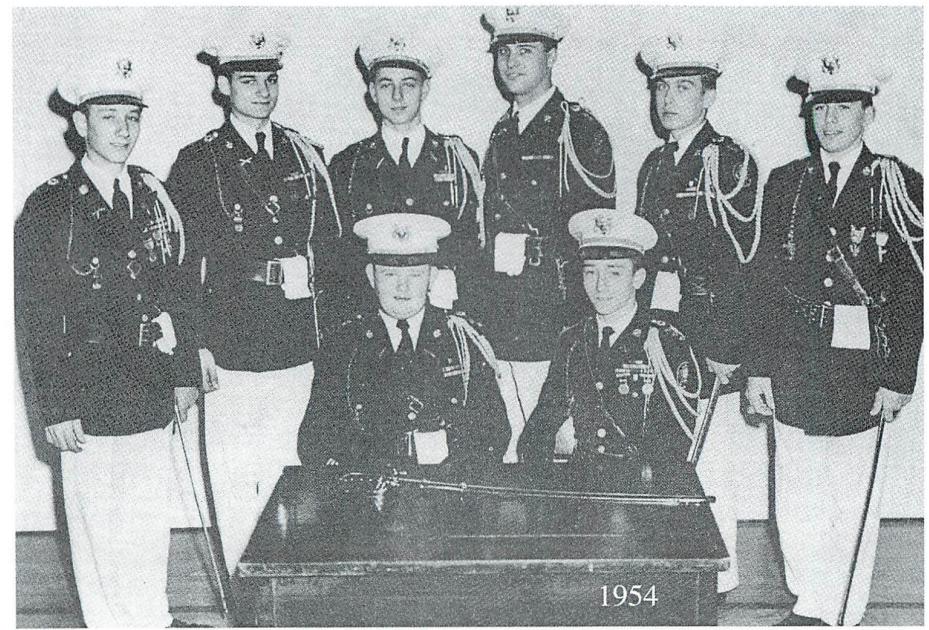
- Sgt. Clarence L. Lane
- Lt. Carter C. Williams
- Lt. Richard C. Medae
- Col. Per Ramee
- Sgt. V.O. Taylor,
- Sgt. Sam B. Bottorff
- Maj. Ferris G. Spoor, PMS&T
- M/Sgt. Louis G. Deback
- Capt. James A. Flanagan



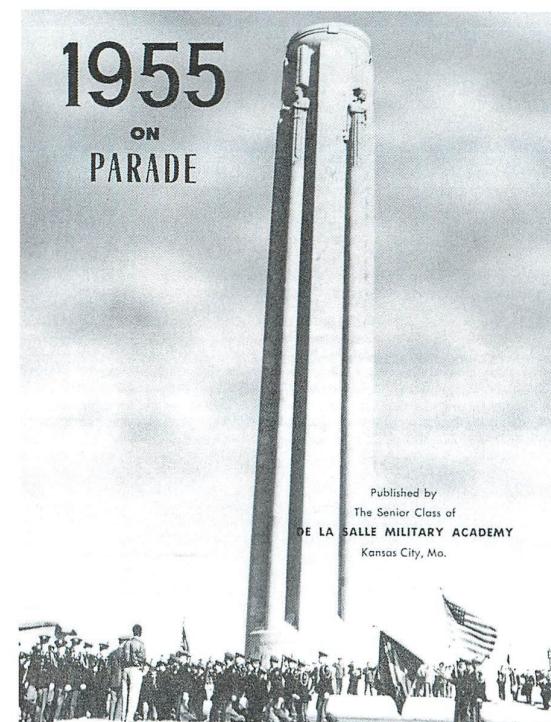
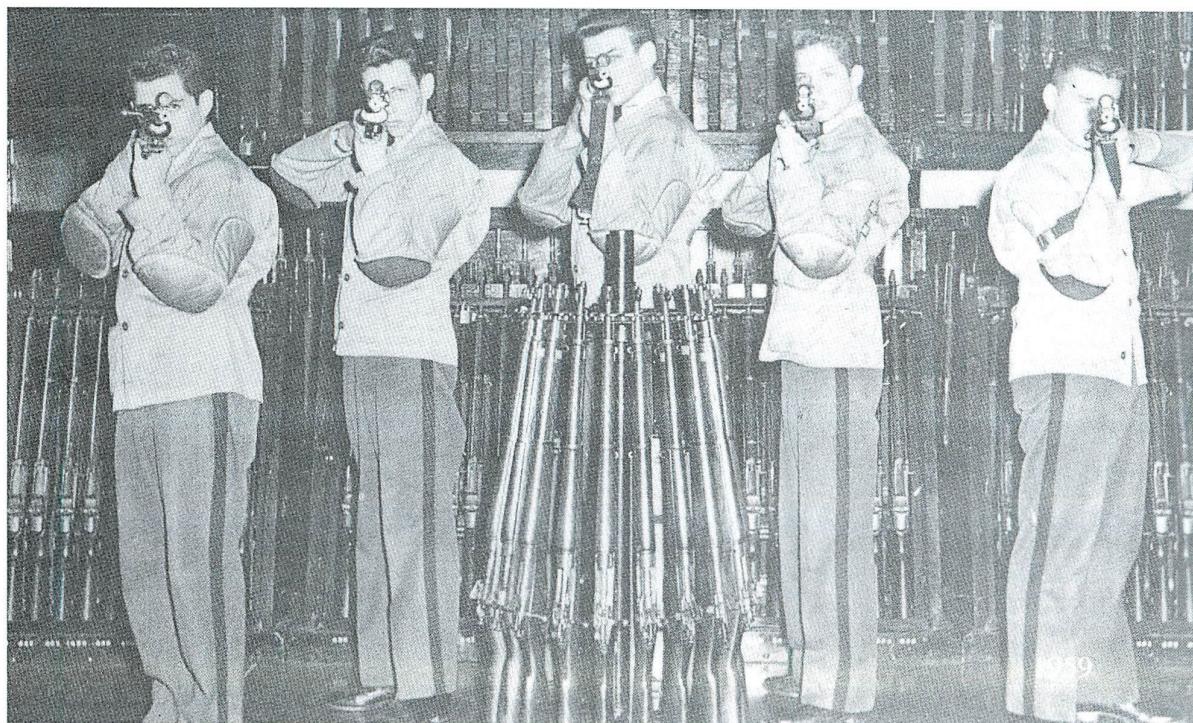


Dates on photos are yearbook dates

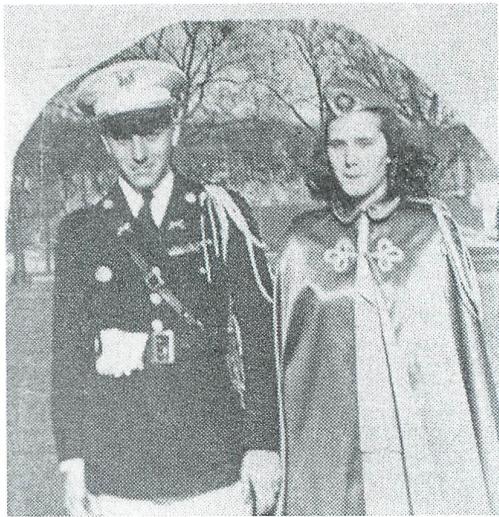




Dates on photos are yearbook dates



Dates on photos are yearbook dates



1942-43

First Cadet Colonel Tom Derr and
first Honorary Cadet Colonel
Margaret Ann Conboy of Loretto Academy

"She never forgave me for tearing her
gown with my sword at the Military Ball."

Tom Derr

wear for special functions, Military Ball, and the Parade on Veteran's Day. We were involved in anything patriotic with our "men cadets" by our side. John O'Brien was my officer and I had a high rank, probably whatever his was.

Brother Bernard was very involved, but, I believe, other Brothers were too. I was very involved with DLS and brought records for the sock hops after the games and did whatever Bro. Bernard asked of me.

It was an honor to be an Honorary Cadet chosen from our class. I really admired the Brothers and the guys were very nice too.

TOP ROW (left to right): Honorary Captain Rita Watson of St. Mary's; Honorary Major Mary Jane Peet of St. Teresa; Honorary Captain Eileen Feeney of Loretto; Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Barbara Trave of St. Teresa; Honorary Captain Elaine Heenan of St. Aloysius, and Honorary Captain Betty Watkins of St. Aloysius.

Honorary Cadets

A social connection existed among the Catholic high schools in Kansas City with young women from Loretto, Notre Dame de Sion, St. Teresa Academy, St. Mary and St. Aloysius participating in events with the young men from De La Salle. A special relationship as Honorary Cadets, however, brought several of the girls to the forefront at DLS.

Theresa Sadecki Van Pelt remembers the experience with fondness:

In our senior year we were informed that three or four girls would be voted on by our classmates to be Honorary Cadets for our school, Loretto Academy. The final vote had to be approved by our principal. The girls chosen were respected, active members of their class and school and were well liked. They especially had a strong interest in both schools and were active with DLS.

We were given a gold and purple cape to wear for special functions, Military Ball, and the Parade on Veteran's Day. We were involved in anything patriotic with our "men cadets" by our side. John O'Brien was my officer and I had a high rank, probably whatever his was.

Brother Bernard was very involved, but, I believe, other Brothers were too. I was very involved with DLS and brought records for the sock hops after the games and did whatever Bro. Bernard asked of me.

It was an honor to be an Honorary Cadet chosen from our class. I really admired the Brothers and the guys were very nice too.

1944

BOTTOM ROW: Honorary Captain Alta Puh of St. Mary's; Honorary Captain Rosemary Quigley of Loretto; Honorary Regimental Adjutant Rosemary Strafluss of St. Teresa; Honorary Colonel Jeanne McCormick of St. Aloysius, and Honorary Captain Mary Margaret O'Neill of St. Aloysius.

NOT IN PICTURE: Honorary Major Sue Cooke and Honorary Master Sergeant Patricia Groom, both of Notre Dame de Sion.



1943 — The first Honorary Cadets



Dates on photos are yearbook dates



Colonel

Mary Alice Wiedeman

French Institute of Notre Dame de Sion

Honorary



Captain, Company B
Bernadine Keller
Saint Aloysius Academy



Major, First Battalion
Barbara Chester
Saint Teresa's Academy



Captain, Company C
Mary Louise Morroto
Saint Teresa's Academy



Captain, Company A
Jean Groff
Saint Aloysius Academy



Captain, Adjutant
Joan Roach
French Institute of Notre Dame de Sion

Cadets



Lt. Colonel

Barbara O'Malley

Loretto Academy



Major, Second Battalion
Margaret Walsh
Loretto Academy



Captain, Company E
Patricia Tarwater
Loretto Academy



Captain, Company D
Mary Margaret Donovan
Saint Teresa's Academy



Captain, Company F
Mary Boppart
French Institute of Notre Dame de Sion



Major, Headquarters Company (Band)
Patricia Louise Lynch
Saint Aloysius Academy



1952 Jocelyn Dougherty ND, Mary Ann Rick ST, Norma Messer SA, Jean Hansen SA, Susan Green ND, Sally Cunningham LA, Barbara Bever LA, Cynthia Noble ND, Mary Jo Giudici ST, Dixie Sanders SA, Patricia Waldman ST, Georgina Miller LA



1953 Patricia Wise SA, Judy Richardson LA, Mary Ann McCowen ST, Gail Price ND, Catherine O'Malley, LA, Barbara Campbell LA, Felicia Fenberg ND, Rose Ann Malone SA, Mary Jo Gulotta ST, Jean Rick ST, Dixie Todd SA, Nancy O'Laughlin ND

1955 Mary Koehler ST, Anita DeFeo ST, Carolyn Cameron ST, Mary Ellen O'Keefe ST, Marcia Hale LA, Carolyn Yonke LA, Margaret Ann Amoneo ST, Claudia Carr ST, Mary Wagner ST, Mary Pat Hennessey LA, Rita Jo Coolick ST, Helen Burns ST, (right) Mary Ann Rush LA, Mary Ann Rieger LA, Dolores Terrones LA, Carole Raimo ST, Carolyn Bousman LA.



1954 Nancy Mazzarelli ND, Noreen Lynch ST, Theresa Sadecki LA, Patricia Spenser ST, Jo Ann Aiduk LA, Jeanne Sherwood ST, Mary Lou Sante LA, Kay London ND, Margo Jenkins ST, Margaret O'Malley LA, Dorothy Wilmert ND, Lucretia Lyons ND



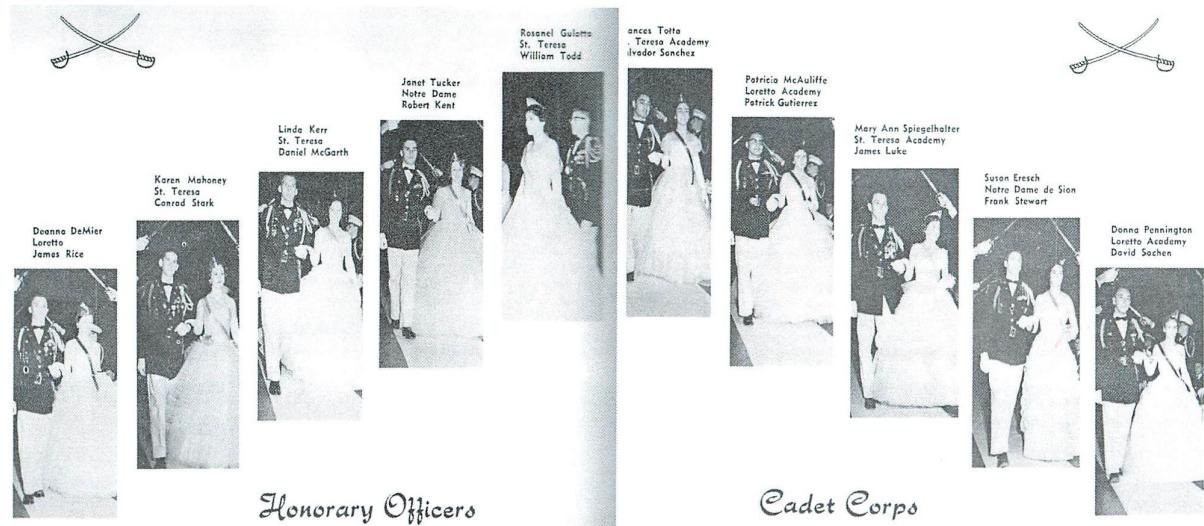
Dates on photos are yearbook dates



1958 Alyce Soptick LA, Marianne Dougherty ND, Carole Switzer LA, Janet Hansen LA, Nancy Egan ST, Judy Lee ST, Laura DiGiovanni ST, Judy Buchanan LA, Pat Loosen ND, Kay Rammerer LA, Mary Kay Antonello ST



1957 Rose O'Brien ST, Kitty Wagner ST, D'Ann Purcell ST, Carol Ann Soltis LA, Judy Wear LA, Susan McMichael ST, Pat Wilson LA, Mary Jean Mortimeyer LA, Connie Kassick LA, Rita Brooks ND



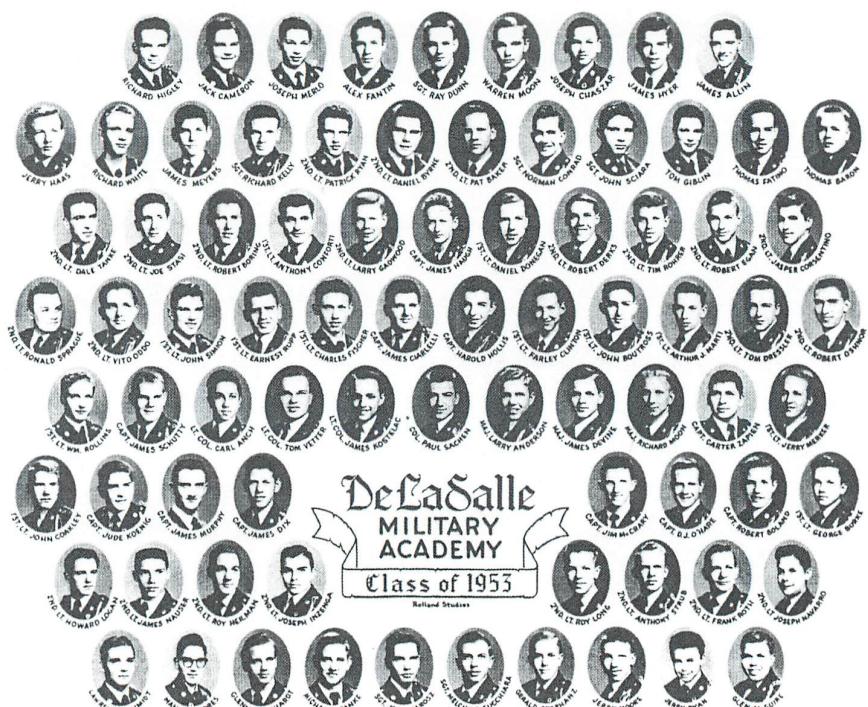
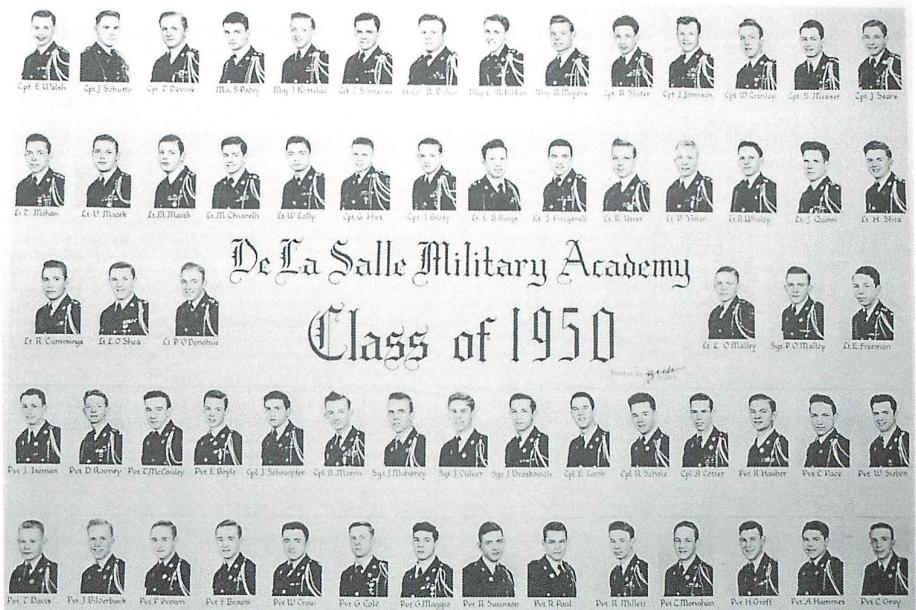
Key to school of Honorary Cadets
 LA — Loretto, ND — Notre Dame de Sion, SA — Saint Aloysius,
 SM — Saint Mary's, ST — Saint Teresa

Dates on photos are yearbook dates



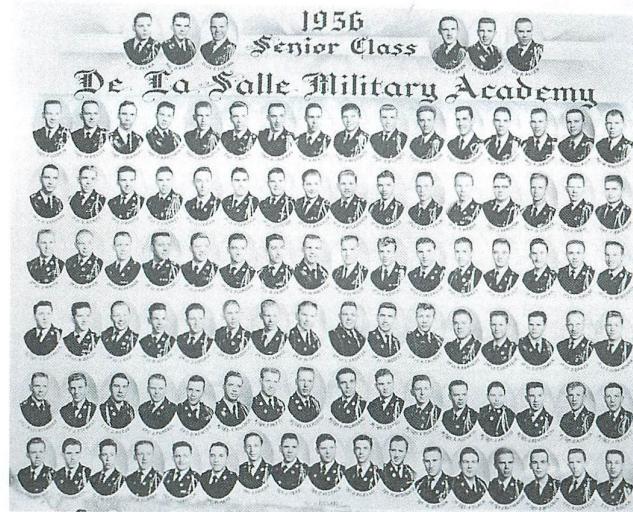
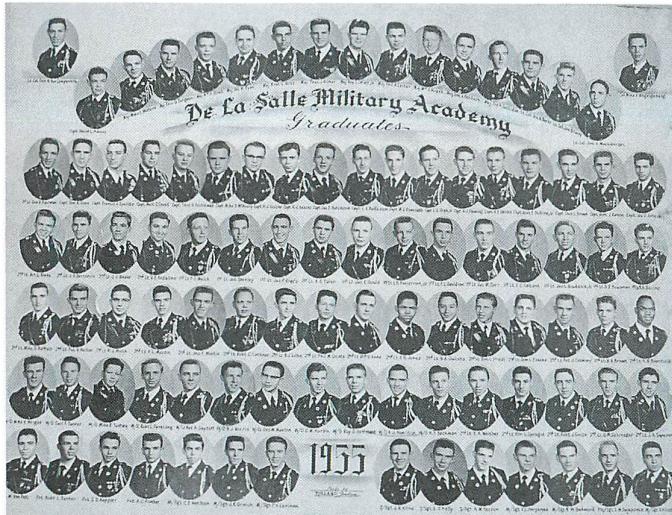


De La Salle Academy • A History • 1910-2010
1524 Paseo • 1950-1960



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Classes of the 1950s



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Faculty

1950-51
 Br. Kevin Stanislaus
 Br. Lewis Daniel
 Br. Harold Robert
 Br. Herbert Philip
 Br. James Lewis
 Br. Hubert Maurelian
 Br. Josephus Hillary
 Br. Josephus Michael
 Br. Josiah Leander
 Br. Leonard Plasidus
 Br. Julius Adrian
 Br. Lewis Vincent
 Br. Lucidus Henry
 Br. Leonard Julian

1955-56
 Br. Julian Austin
 Br. Josiah Leander
 Br. Leonard Julian
 Br. Honorius Bernard
 Br. Josiah Benedict
 Br. Landrick Mark
 Br. Lucius James
 Br. Liborius Stephen
 Br. Idonius Alfred
 Br. James Lewis
 Br. Leonard Peter
 Br. Justin Andrew
 Br. Henry Giles
 Br. Jovinian Leo
 Br. Leo Thomas
 Br. Imilien Norbert

Construction of the third floor and varsity locker room.

The Brothers realized that they needed additional classrooms as their enrollment was going up every year in the early 1950s. The decision was to add a third floor, which had been discussed before but had been set aside because of money. At the same time the locker room that was built with the original building in 1910 was becoming too small for all of the athletic teams. A new locker room was added to this building project.

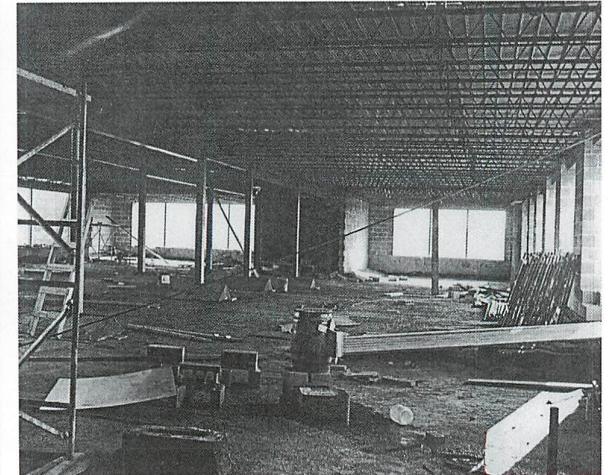
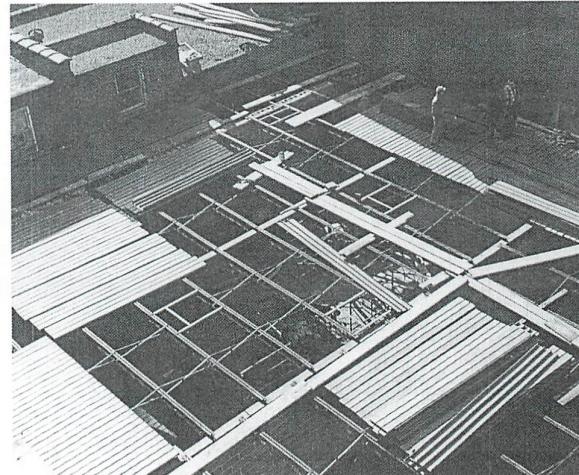
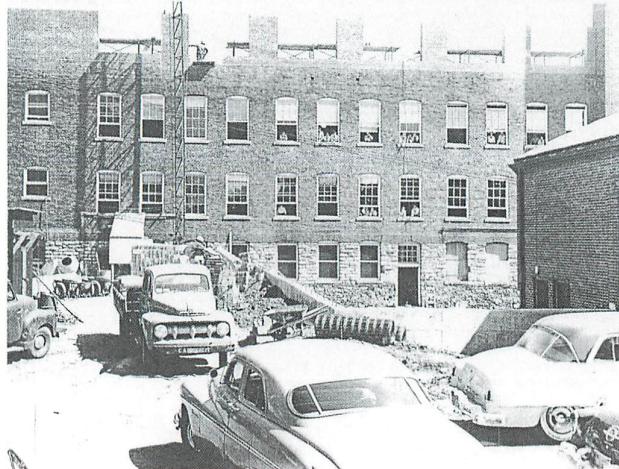
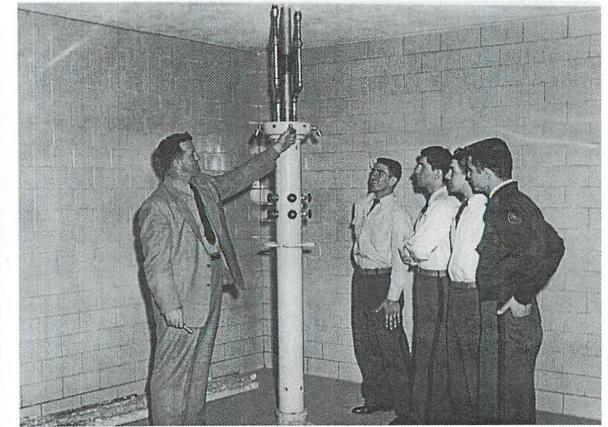
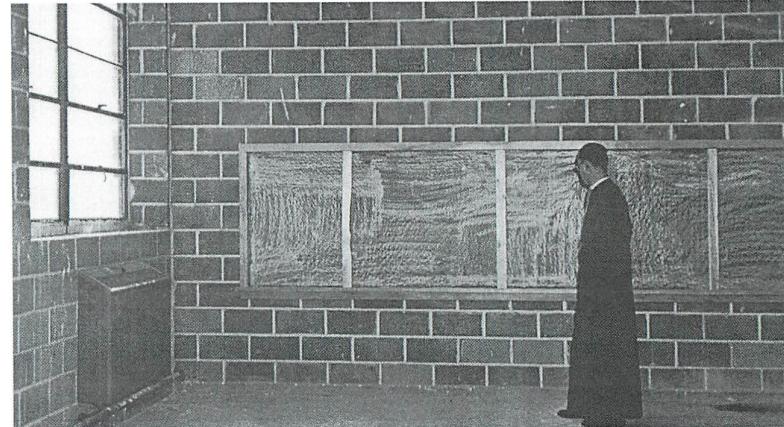
In 1953 – 54 a third floor was added to the main building of the school for five classrooms, a band room, a science lab, and other academic needs. A locker room and a rifle range were constructed in a new wing attached to the main building.

An additional need that surfaced at that time was upgrading the Brothers residence. When the Brothers decided to move out of the first floor of the school building in 1942 they purchased a three story apartment building two doors to the north. It had not been upgraded (modernized) since it was constructed in the early 1900s. It was in very poor condition – leaky roof, bad plumbing and termite and rat infested.

The Director, Brother Julian Austin, agonized over how the Brothers were living in such poor conditions. But as always the question was where would the money come from to underwrite these expenditures.

The solution came in the form of an inheritance of the Principal at that time. Brother Julian Austin inherited money from his family and he used that money to use as seed money to meet these needs.

The rest, as had been done many times before, was borrowed.





Dedication and blessing of the varsity locker room and the third floor by Archbishop Edwin V. O'Hara

Dates on photos are yearbook dates

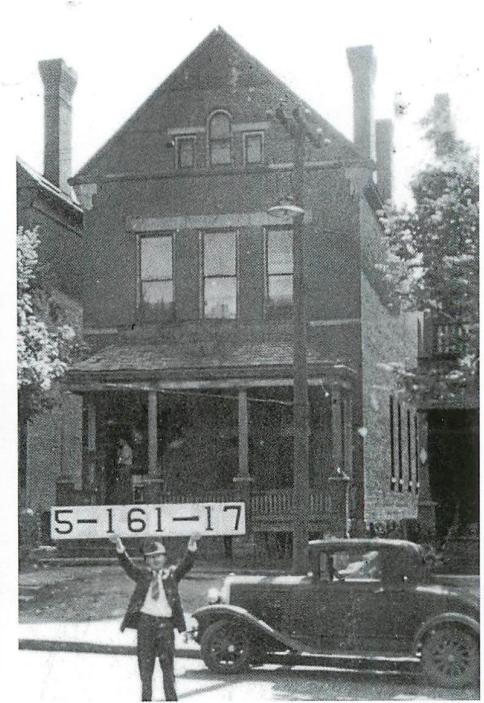
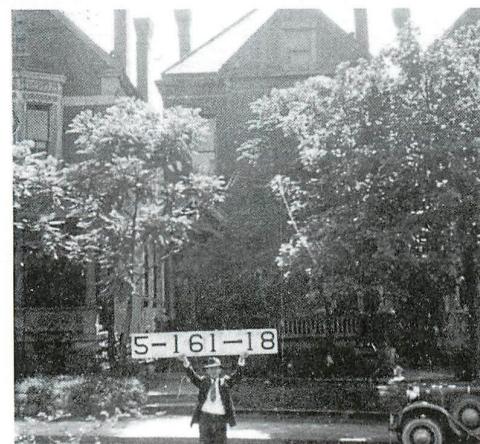
Providing Parking for Students

In the early days, up to the 1950s, very few students drove to school and there was adequate parking on the side streets around the school. As more and more students began to drive to school there became an increasing need to provide additional parking space.

From April to June, 1957 the Brothers purchased the five two story apartment buildings at 1511, 1513, 1515, 1517 and 1519 Lydia. They were razed immediately and an asphalt parking lot was established for the students.



In 1940 Kansas City, MO, began a process of taking pictures of every building in the city. In order to catalog and coordinate the pictures, they had a man stand out in front with a code to identify the picture.



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

The Story Behind ‘JIMMIE LOVE WORLD’

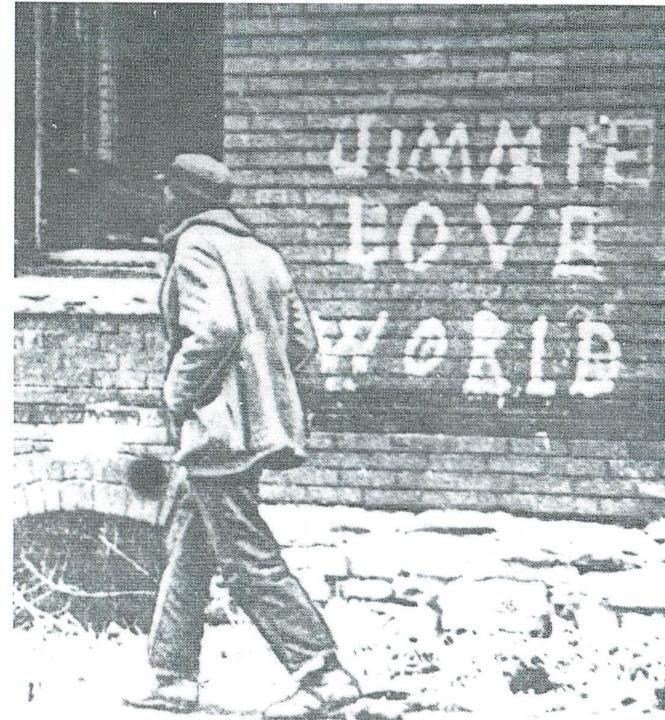
On a brick wall at 16th Street and Lydia Avenue was painted a curious message for passersby to interpret as they chose. Many DLS students saw this writing on the wall in the late 1950s and early 1960s. The picture appears in two yearbooks — 1965 and 1971. Students may have wondered why these words were written. Following is the story.

My name is Bob Biagioli and I am a graduate of De La Salle High School, Class of 1969. Back in the late 1990s, the true story behind “JIMMIE LOVE WORLD” was revealed to me. My brother, John Biagioli, an attorney in Independence and a graduate of DLS, Class of 1971, came to the Jackson County Courthouse where I have been employed for 35 years. We were discussing, as we have done many times, De La Salle High School, when my co-worker and friend, Sylvester Booker, overheard our conversation and indicated to us that he had lived in the neighborhood behind the De La Salle gymnasium in the 1950s. I asked him if he knew anything about the words “JIMMIE LOVE WORLD” which were painted on the side of the old brick building on the northwest corner of East 16th Street and Lydia. He said he knew the entire story and everyone involved. Here is the story he told:

There were three individuals who participated in the events that inspired the words “JIMMIE LOVE WORLD,” words that have been the topic of much conversation among DLS alumni as to their meaning and origin. The three were Gertrude Porter, Jimmie Styline and Bobby Green who knew and lived near each other.

The year was 1958. In those days, Gertrude Porter was known throughout the neighborhood as “the ugliest girl in the world,” mainly because she had been beaten on numerous occasions by her husband. Consequences from those beatings were so glaringly evident that people in the neighborhood referred to her as “world,” a nickname they gave her describing “the ugliest girl in the world.” One evening, Jimmie was walking down the street when he came upon Gertrude, again being assaulted by her husband. He immediately rushed to her defense, pulled her husband off of her, threw him to the ground and gave him the same type of beating Gertrude had received so many times before. Afterward, he helped Gertrude back to her home and eventually went on his way.

It was said that “Jimmie must be in love with Gertrude” after all he had done for her. And shortly after that incident, Bobby Green, Jimmie’s friend, painted the words on the side of the building, partly to make fun of Jimmie, while at the same time proclaiming to everyone and the world, the motivation behind Jimmie’s actions. These words have been immortalized in the minds of many DLS alumni — indeed, “JIMMIE LOVE WORLD.”

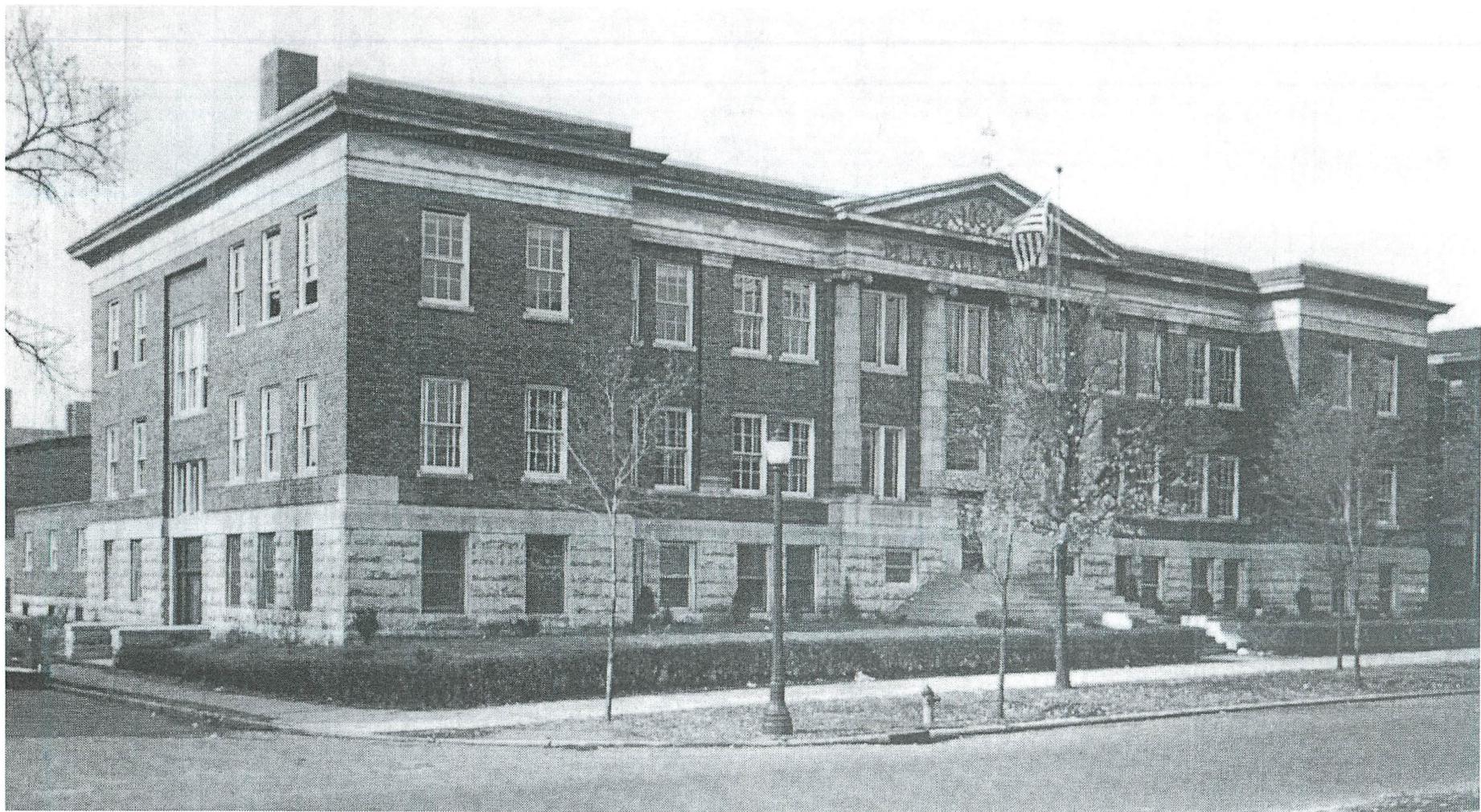


And We Love the Jimmies of the World.



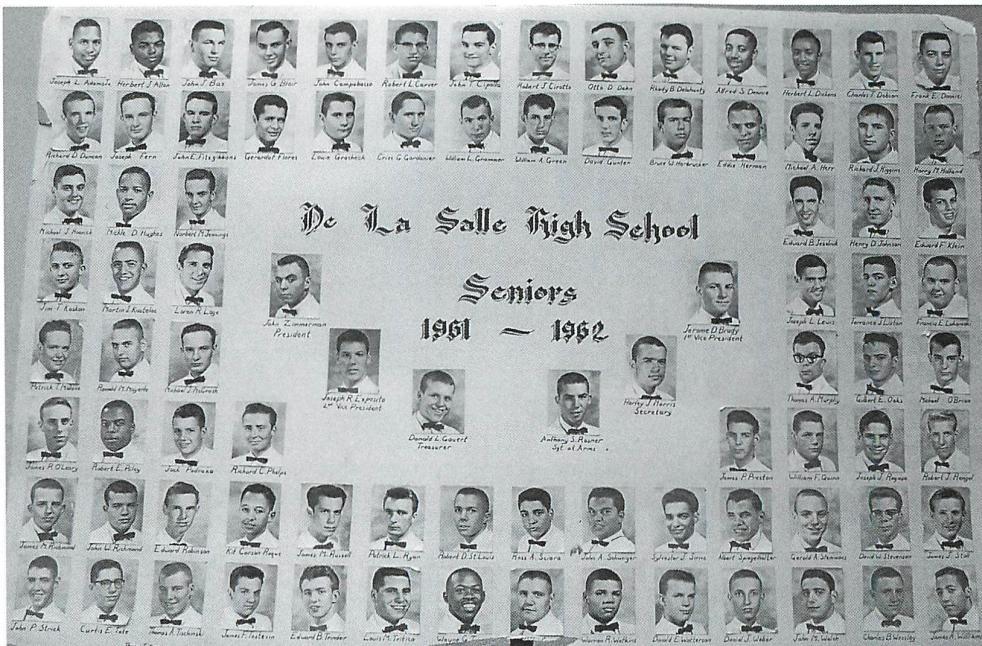
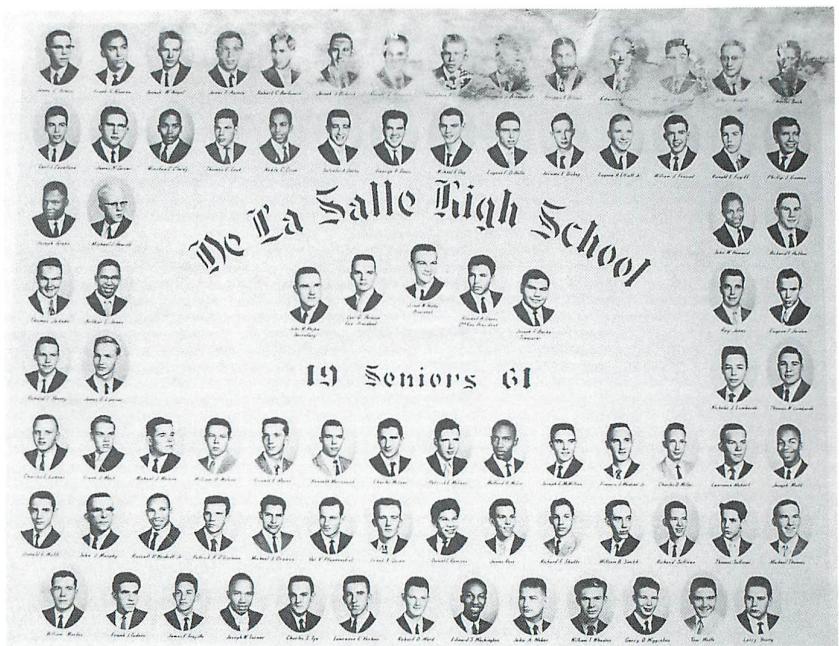
Titans

Blue & Gold



De La Salle Academy • A History • 1910-2010
1524 Paseo • High School • 1960-1971

Classes of the 1960s

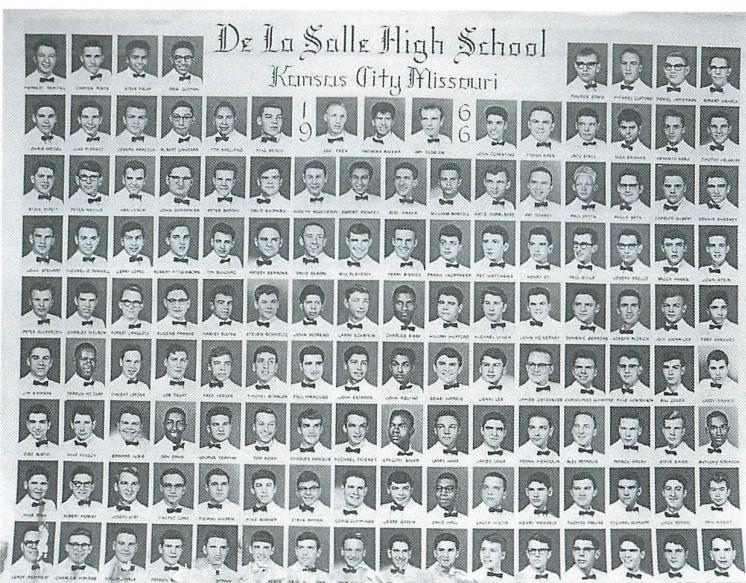
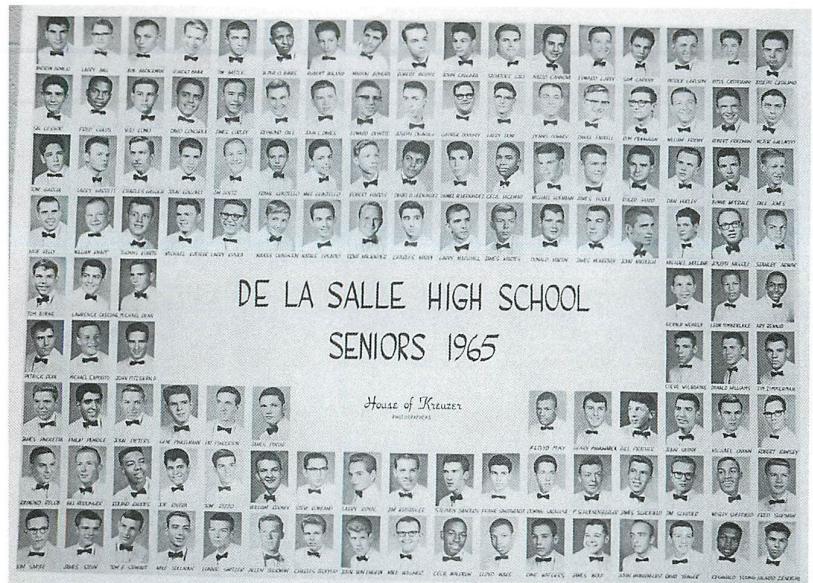


Faculty 1960-61

Br. Imilian Norbert
Br. Leonard William
Br. Harold Victor
Br. Hector Vincent
Br. Henry Arnold
Br. Howard Mark
Br. Hugh Malachy
Br. Immanuel Pius
Br. James Lewis
Br. Joel Solomon
Br. Joseph De La Salle
Br. Julius Benjamin
Br. Kevin Mark
Br. Kieran Cassian
Br. Leo Thomas
Br. Michael Glen

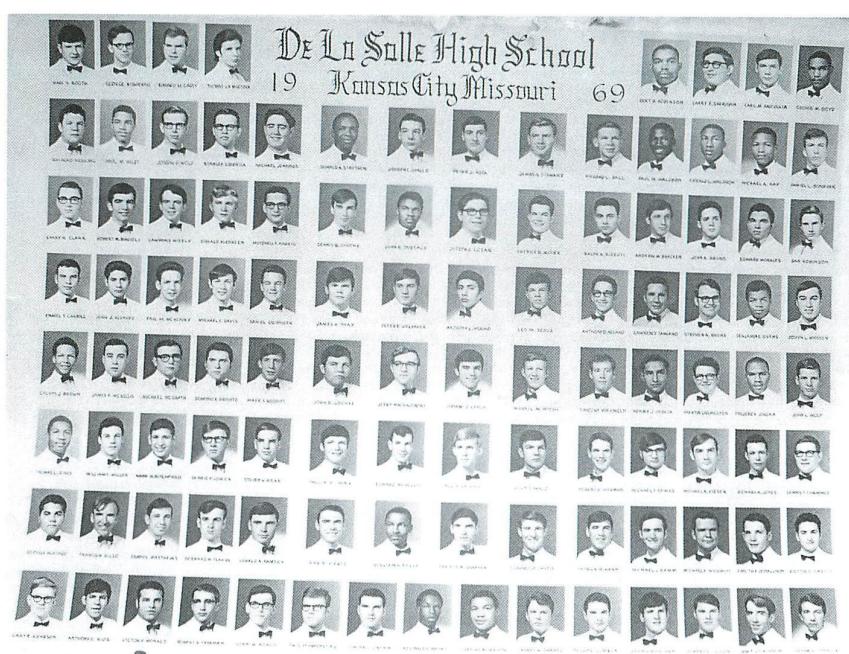
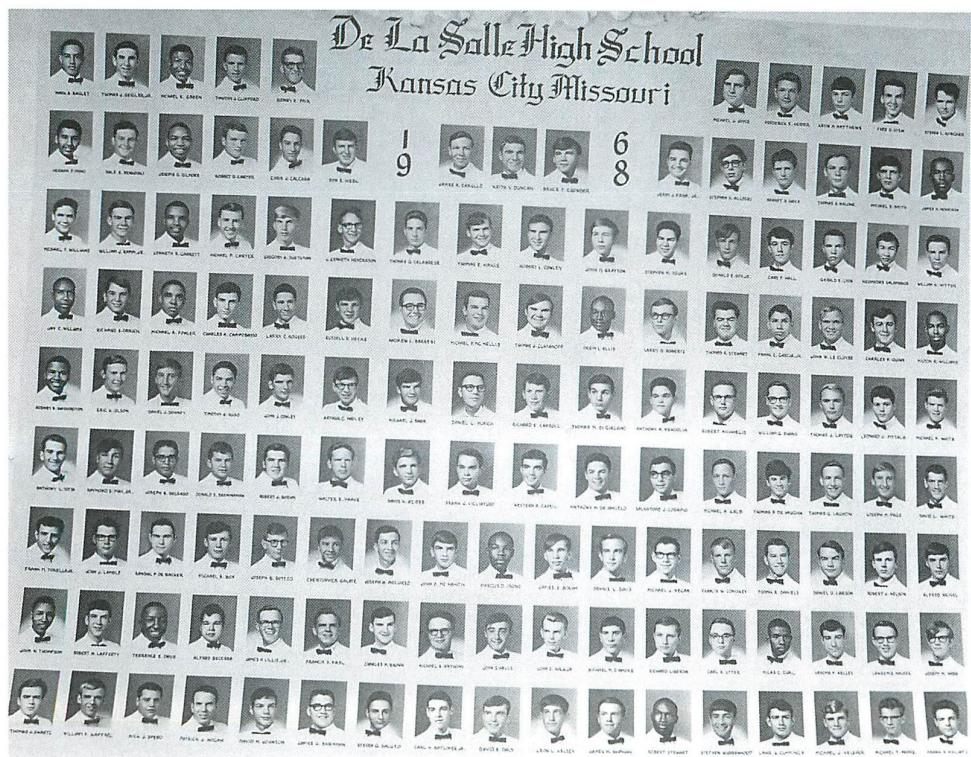


Dates on photos are yearbook dates



Faculty
1965-66

Br. Imilian Norbert
Br. Joel Solomon
Br. Anthony William
Br. Hector Vincent
Br. James Walter
Br. Jerome of Mary
Br. Joseph Barry
Br. Joseph Eustace
Br. Jorge Gabriel
Br. Kenneth Roderick
Br. Leonard George
Br. Leonard Peter
Br. Louis of Mary
Br. Louis Stanislaus
Br. Matthew Steven



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Golden Jubilee Class — 1960-2010



Golden Jubilee of the Academy — 1910-1960

The celebration of the 50th year of De La Salle on the Paseo began with a Solemn Pontifical Mass on September 10 at the Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Cody. Msgr. Joseph V. Sullivan '37 delivered the homily. Other bishops from the area in attendance were Archbishop Hunkeler (Kansas City, KS), Bishop Freking (Salina, KS) and Bishop Marling (Jefferson City, MO).

Rt. Rev. J. Schumacher, former DLS chaplain, offered a Pontifical Mass on September 11. Bishop Cody delivered the homily, stressing the importance of the work of the Christian Brothers in the diocese. On September 12 a High Mass was offered for the student body by Rev. Hugh Farrington, OSB, '30. Mass was followed by a holiday for the students.

The Jubilee Celebrations came to a close on September 19 with the Civic Banquet in the Grand Ballroom of the Muehlebach Hotel. The guest of honor was Bishop Cody; toastmaster was Hugh B. Downey; the principal address was given by Thomas P. Henehan '24. Former DLS directors present at the celebration were Br. Lawrence Edward, Br. Josephus of Jesus, Br. Hilary Bernard, Br. Kevin Stanislaus, Br. Julian Austin and Br. Idonus Alfred.

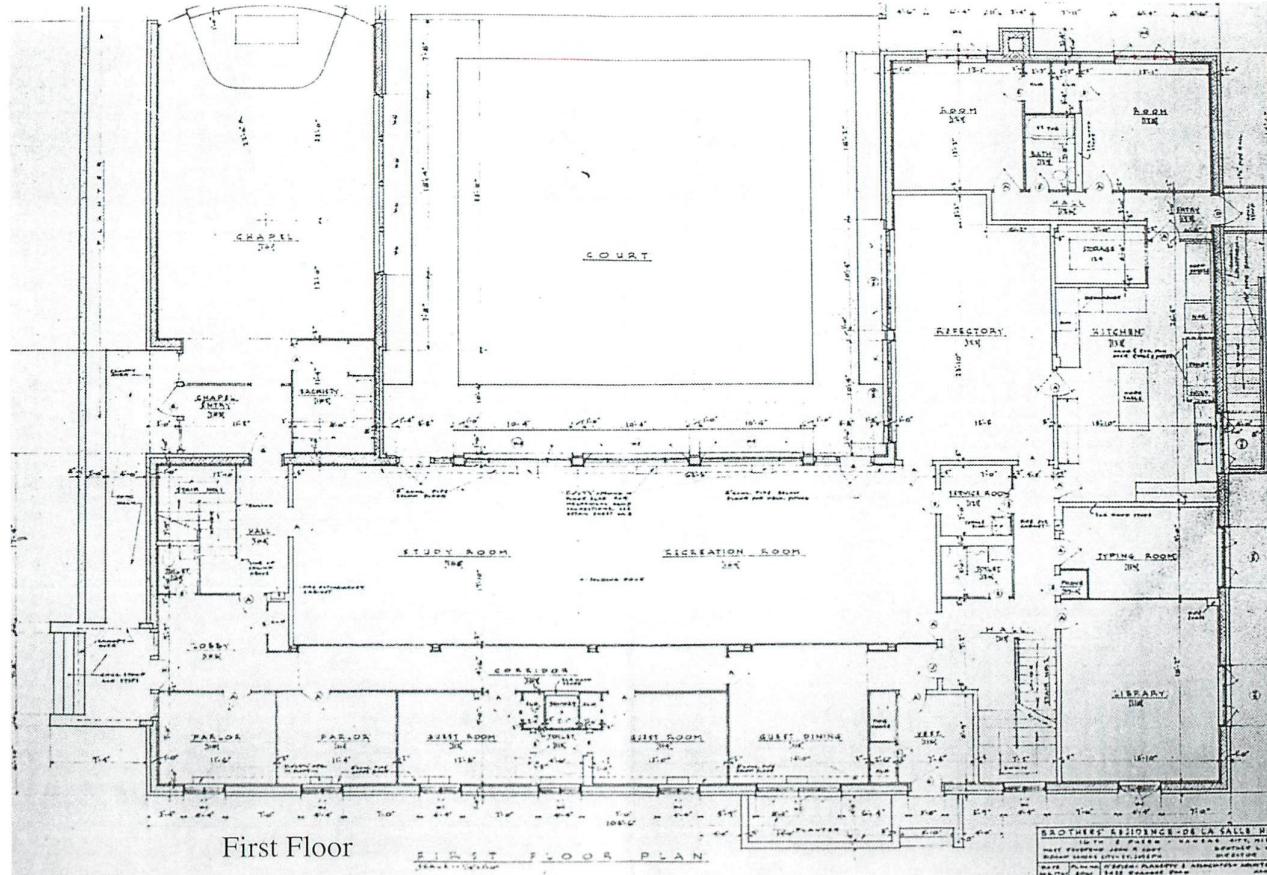


Dates on photos are yearbook dates

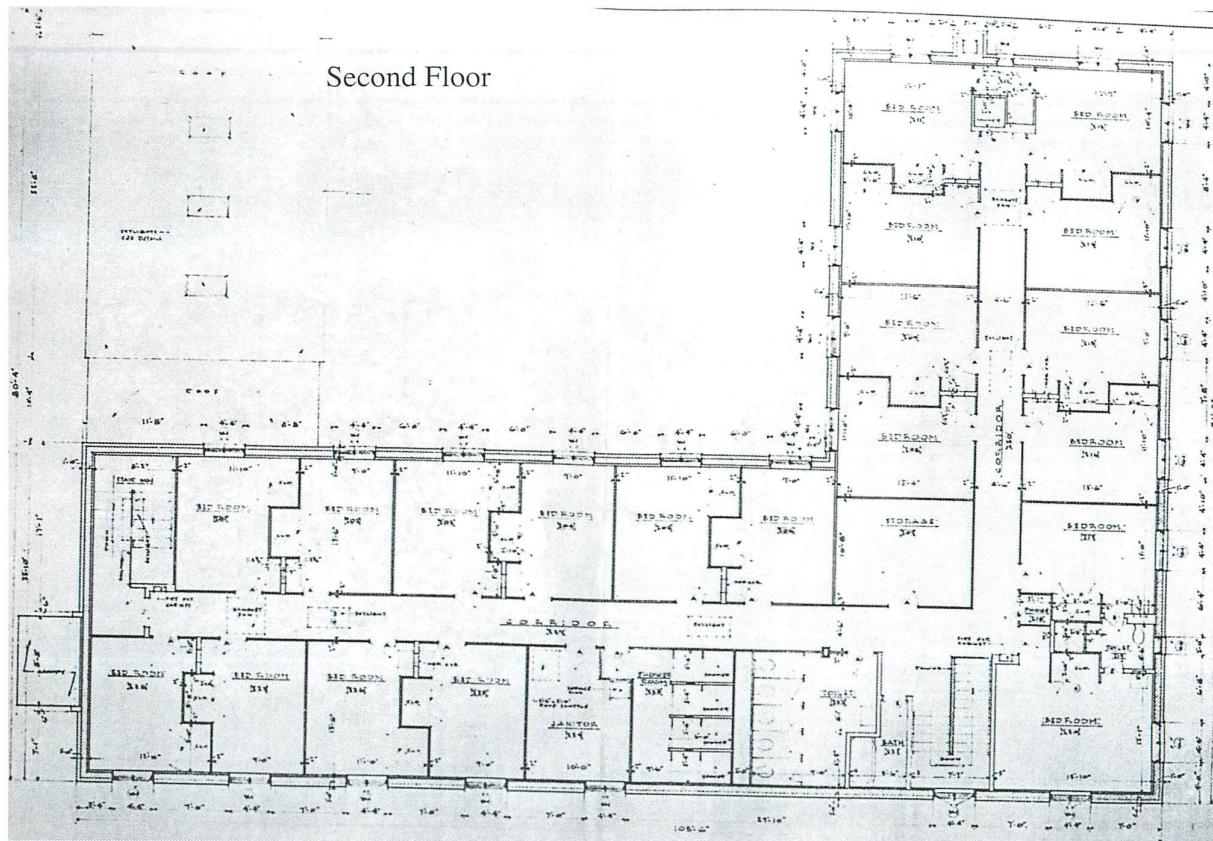
Brothers build their own residence

As De La Salle entered its sixth decade of educating young men at 1524 Paseo, increases in enrollment called for more Brothers to staff the school. It was not possible to add additional bedrooms and facilities in the aging apartment building that had been used by the Brothers since 1942. In 1960 the Diocese purchased the entire block of 16th to 17th on Paseo and from Paseo to Lydia from a widow named Annie Lee Parry. She at first asked for \$80,000, but after several visits by the pastor of St. Joseph, she agreed to sell the property for \$40,000. There was a three story apartment building with 30 apartments on the property. The majority of them ran along 16th street and faced the school. They razed the apartment building that was there and initially planned to provide additional space for St. Joseph Parish.

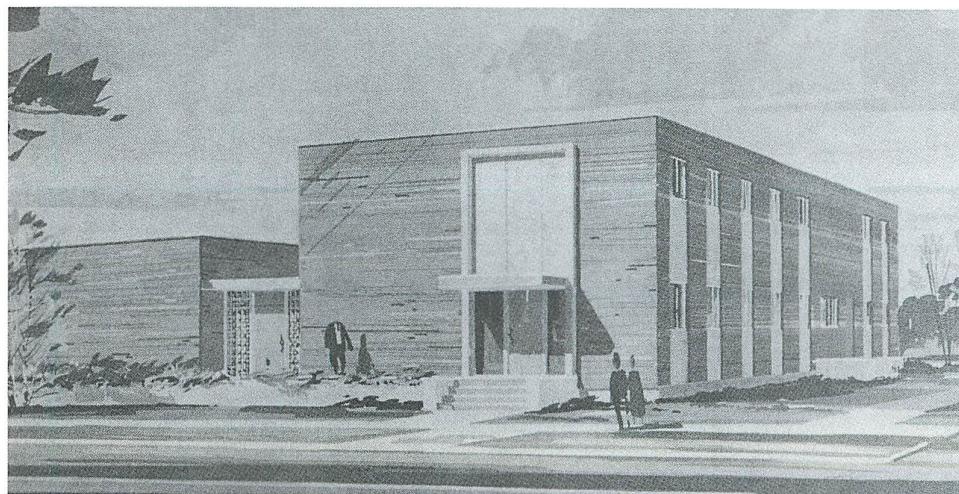
The Brothers expressed an interest in the property on the corner, 1600 Paseo, to construct a residence for the increasing faculty of Brothers. The building cost \$220,000 to build and was designed by the President of the Alumni Association, Rusty O'Brien. On Friday, October 27, 1961, ground-breaking (*pictured below right*) took place and was presided over by Bishop Cody; Brother Norbert, F.S.C., principal; Rev. Robert Deming, master of ceremonies; Rev. Alvin Deem, O.F.M.; and Rev. Michael Gilgannon. The Brothers moved in on November 11, 1962, and the building was dedicated on January 12, 1963.



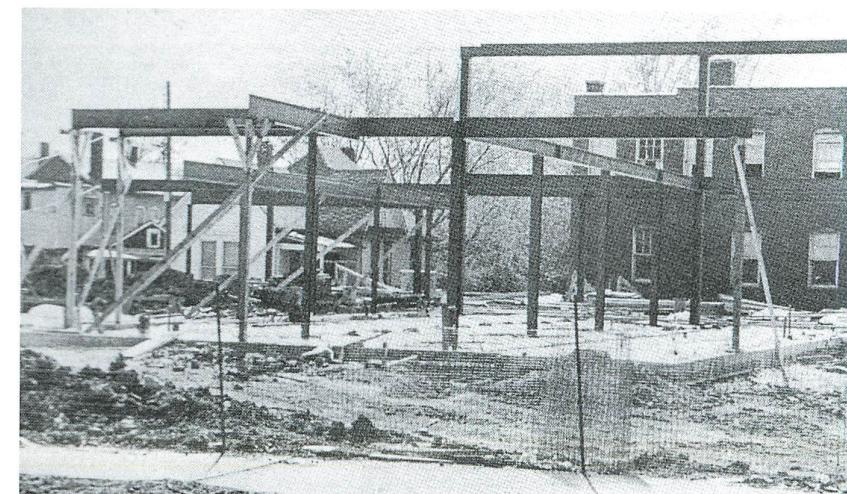
Dates on photos are yearbook dates



Second Floor



Dates on photos are yearbook dates



parlors, guest bedrooms, a dining room, a typing room, a library, a full kitchen and a Brothers' dining room on the first floor. Twenty bedrooms for the Brothers were on the second floor. A courtyard was available on the first level for the Brothers. This was used for the social before the Alumni Banquet after the school building was sold to the Diocese.

*New Faculty Residence Graces
D. L. S. 50 Year-old Campus
Soon To Be Occupied —
All Await Big Move*

The new faculty residence now standing on 16th and Paseo is just about ready for occupancy. After 22 years in the old "Manse," the Brothers will soon reside in their new home.

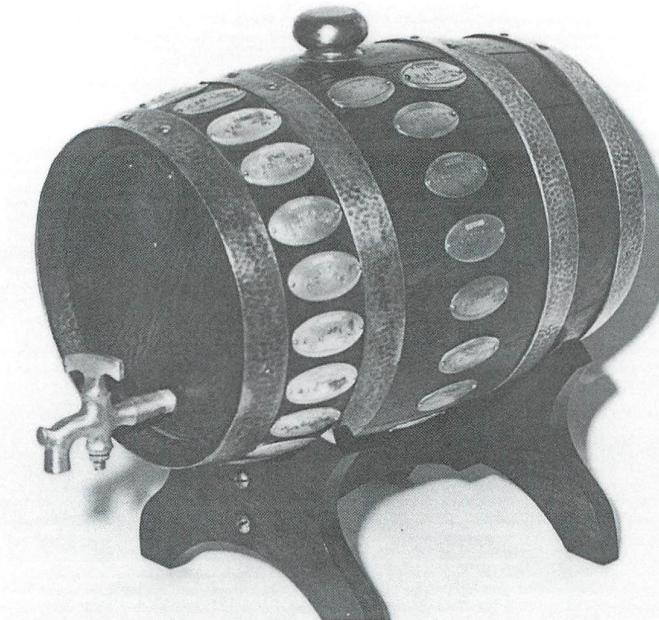
Last week saw workmen putting finishing touches in and around the \$220,000 structure which will house 20 Brothers. The present complement of Christian Brothers at De La Salle is 17.

Reprinted from a newspaper article





De La Salle Academy • A History • 1910-2010
1524 Paseo • Athletics



Football The Little Brown Jug

FOR THE "PREP" SCHOOL TITLE — First Game Rockhurst and De La Salle will meet on K.C.A.C. this morning

For the first time in the athletic history of the two schools, football teams from Rockhurst and De La Salle will face each other on the gridiron. The game this morning on the K.C.A.C. Field has been the goal of the two teams for this season, and at each school there exists but one spirit: "beat Rockhurst" or "beat De La Salle" as the case may be. The winner today will have no easy task and the game will in all probability be a struggle from start to finish. (*Kansas City Times* November 28, 1918)

Thus began the football rivalry that continued until the closure of De La Salle in 1971. Both schools were called "prep" schools and the winner was hailed as the "Prep School Champion." De La Salle had been competing on the gridiron since 1910 but Rockhurst had only begun playing football in 1916. It was an obvious rivalry between the Christian Brothers of De La Salle and the Jesuits of Rockhurst. For many years the

game was scheduled to be played on Thanksgiving Day but was often moved because of weather. It was the highlight of the season and the success of the season depended upon whether the team won or lost this game.

In the beginning the De La Salle athletic teams were referred to as "The Brothers' Boys," the "Purple and Gold Warriors" and in some newspaper columns as "De La Salle Fighting Irish." The most commonly used reference for the team was the "Brothers." Rockhurst was always referred to as "The Blue and White."

Kansas City Times, Nov. 28, 1918

"PREP" SCHOOLS IN A TIE

Rockhurst and De La Salle battled to a 6 to 6 draw

The first game in the rivalry ended in a 6 to 6 tie. Playing on a very wet field Rockhurst scored early in the first quarter and this lead held through the first half. Early in the third period, "A 45-yard run by Purcell, the tiny De La Salle quarterback, saved the Brothers from a defeat." (*Kansas City Times* December 3, 1918)

An ironic twist to the game is that Dr. D. M. Nigro, who was an outstanding football player at Notre Dame, coached the Rockhurst team in this game but became the coach at De La Salle the following year. Another interesting fact about this game is that both schools only played three games this year because the rest of their scheduled games were cancelled due to the influenza epidemic.

Early in the 1920s there were newspaper articles written about how the teams carried "a little Brown Keg" around following victories in these annual football skirmishes. By 1927 a newspaper reports that "the Little Brown Jug will again be the trophy." When and how it began is a mystery. There have been several fanciful explanations. The one most quoted is that some alumni of the two schools, who felt that the game was of such an importance, met and created the trophy. There was never a reference to liquor having anything to do with the selection

Dates on photos are yearbook dates

of the keg/jug. There were several college rivalries that used a keg/jug as a trophy for their "big" games and it is thought this is what gave rise to the "Little Brown Jug."

In the 50 years of battle on the gridiron of the two teams, De La Salle had 13 wins, 32 losses and 5 games ended in ties.

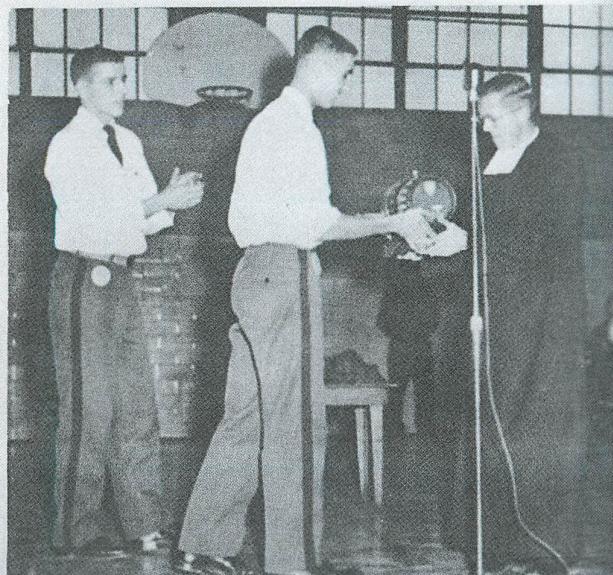
Kansas City Star, Dec. 1, 1918

LITTLE BROWN JUG — Last Game DLS 34 - Rockhurst 27

The last regular game in the 1969 season found both teams Playoff bound: DLS with a 7-2 record; The Rock with an 8-1 record. Rockhurst had allowed only 24 points in nine games; DLS was averaging about 12 in nine games.

Rockhurst opened the game with a 70-yard drive featuring the famous power sweep patented by Coach Al Davis — 7-0 Rockhurst. DLS was stifled on the first series, but a Frank DeMarea punt pinned Rockhurst deep in its own territory. A couple of plays later, Tom Kennedy caused and recovered a Rockhurst fumble on the 8-yard line. Then Bernard Givens, one of Coach Morrow's backs, scored. He repeated the same play — DLS 8-7.

Co-captains Bob Culbertson and Dick Benson present the Brown Jug to Brother Alfred.



Following the kickoff, Rockhurst methodically rushed the ball down the field when Danny Carson and safety Bill Warner stopped Rockhurst at the 5-yard line. Carson stole the ball and staved off another Rockhurst TD. A couple of plays later, Carson caught a pass from Jim White for a 60-yard TD — DLS 15-7.

Third quarter brought two more long touchdown drives for the Titans. Fourth quarter was air football with three aerial TDs for Rockhurst and a 50-yard pass from White to Carl Robins which iced the game for DLS — DLS 34, Rockhurst 27. This team also won the State Football Championship in the Kansas City Metro Area.

by Bill Hopper

Jimmy Burke	Godfrey Kobets	Jerry Culver
1924 — 7-0	1950 — 15-14	1961 — 41-0
	1951 — 33-7	1962 — 13-0
Ed Suech	1956 — 16-13	1964 — 31-14
1926 — 13-0		1965 — 14-0
	1941, 42, 44, 45	1966 — 19-13
Gene Kurash	Coached at Rockhurst	1967 — 13-6
1943 — 19-0		Bill Hopper
		1969 — 34-27

DLS and Rockhurst did not play each other in football during the 1922 and 1923 seasons. No one seems to know why these games were not played.

They also did not play in 1934. Charlie Dusselier said that it rained so much that season that their game was canceled and never rescheduled that year.

Little Brown Jug — DLS vs. Rockhurst 1918 — 1971 — DLS Victories

1924 — 7-0 • 1926 — 13-0 • 1943 — 19-0 • 1950 — 15-14 • 1951 — 33-7 • 1956 — 16-13 • 1961 — 41-0
1962 — 13-0 • 1964 — 31-14 • 1965 — 14-0 • 1966 — 19-13 • 1967 — 13-6 • 1969 — 34-27

Football

1926

Undisputed —
Unscored on —

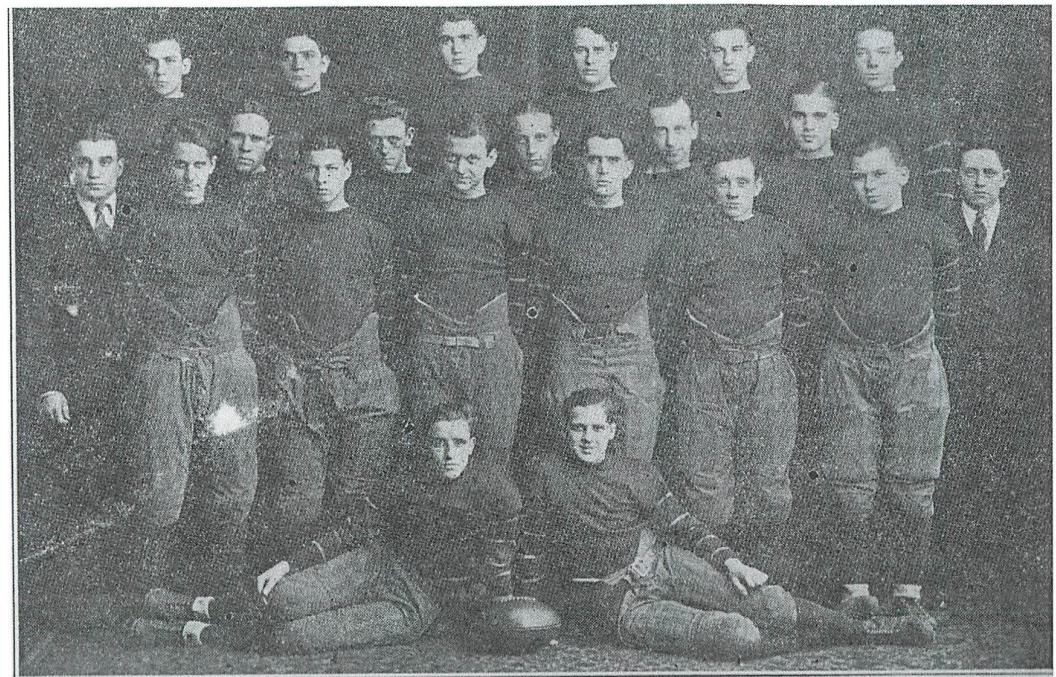
DLS 7	CBC St. Joe	0
DLS 46	Catholic KCK	0
DLS 27	Southwest	0
DLS 21	St. Joe Benton	0
DLS 19	St. Joe Roubinoux	0
DLS 34	Paseo	0
DLS 0	CBC Memphis	0
DLS <u>13</u>	Rockhurst	<u>0</u>

DLS 167 Opponents 0

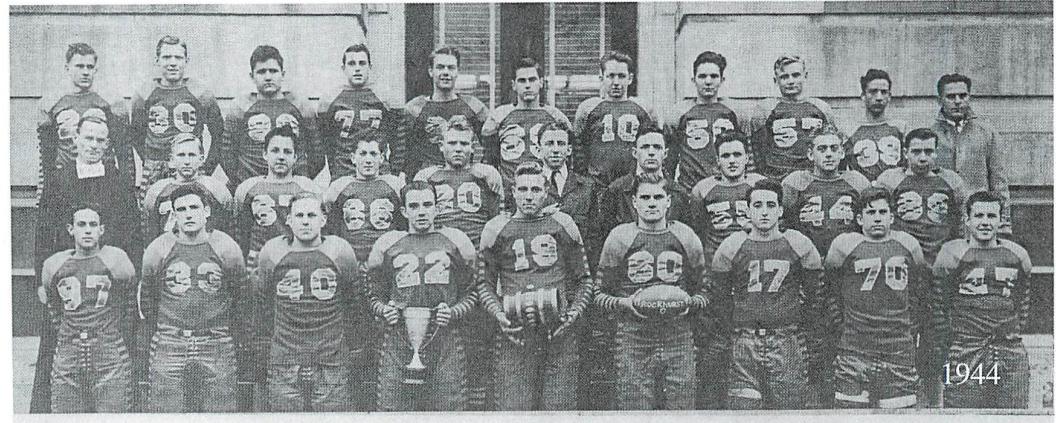
The only blemish on their otherwise perfect record came after a 15-hour train ride to Memphis, playing an undefeated CBC Memphis football team. That game resulted in a 0-0 tie.



Donated by Charlie Dusselier



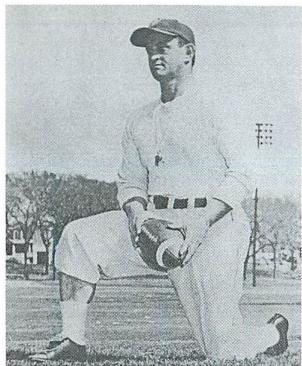
The 1926 football team. In the top row, left to right: Henry Riederer, Fred DeFeo, captain, William Kane, Charles Mulloy, captain elect, George Riordan and William Rice. In the middle row: Coach Edward D. Suech, Charles Frass, Patrick Coyne, Joseph Frick, William O'Rourke, Willis Glick and John Green, student manager. Lower row: Walter Elfeldt, Richard Greiner, Lawrence Leber, Emmett Murphy, Robert Smith and Thomas McGrath. The two boys in front are John Roach and Lawrence Fox. — Westland studio photo.



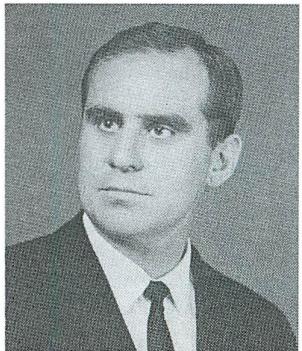
FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS, CATHOLIC LEAGUE OF KANSAS CITY

Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Football



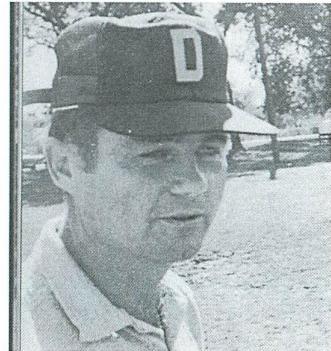
Kobets



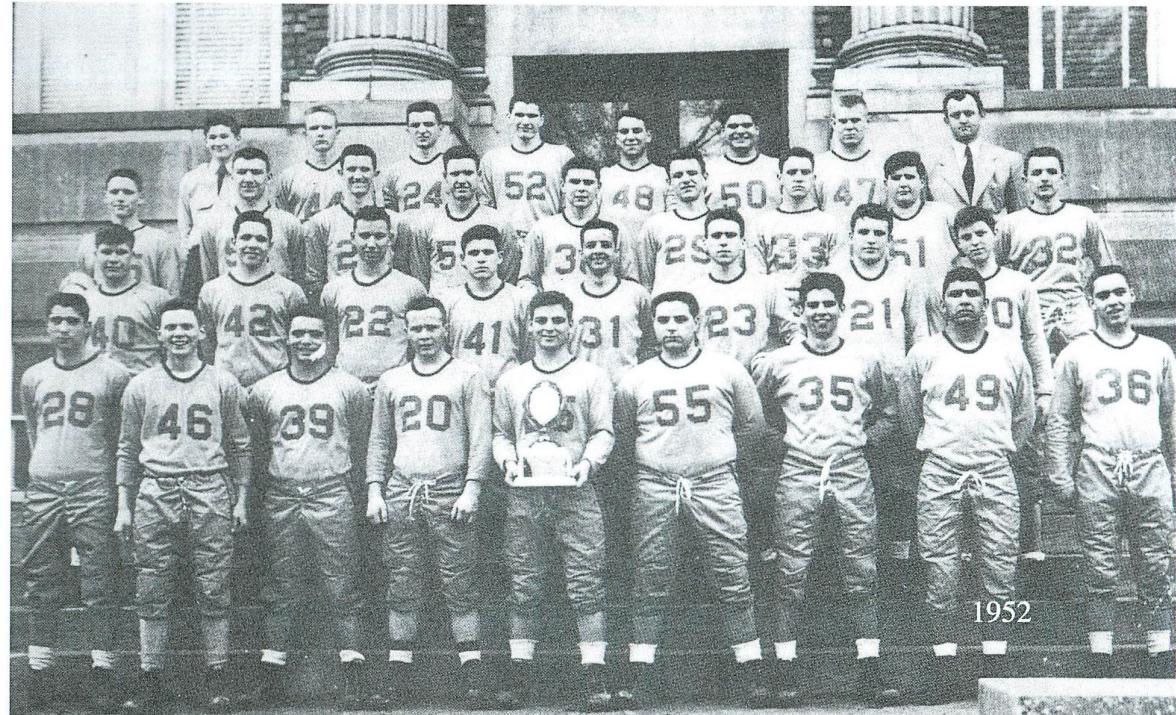
Culver

Head Football Coaches

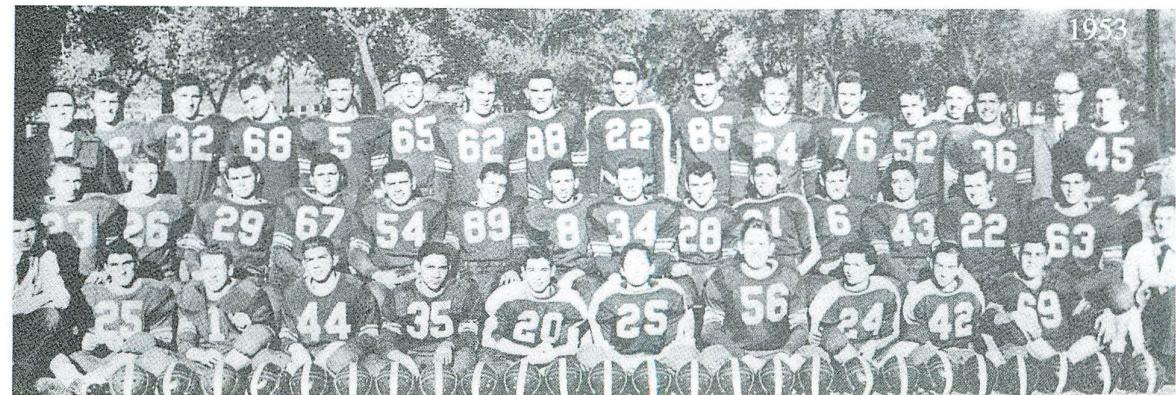
1924 — Burke
1926 — Suech
1929-30 — O'Sullivan
1934-35 — Frick
1935-36 — Miller
1936-37 — Molock
1940-42 — Zuckowski
1942-43 — Kurash
1945-46 — McKeever
1946-59 — Kobets
1959-69 — Culver
1969-71 — Hopper



Hopper



Transportation for the freshman, sophomore and junior varsity teams — 1951



Dates on photos are yearbook dates



Assistant Coaches



Boland



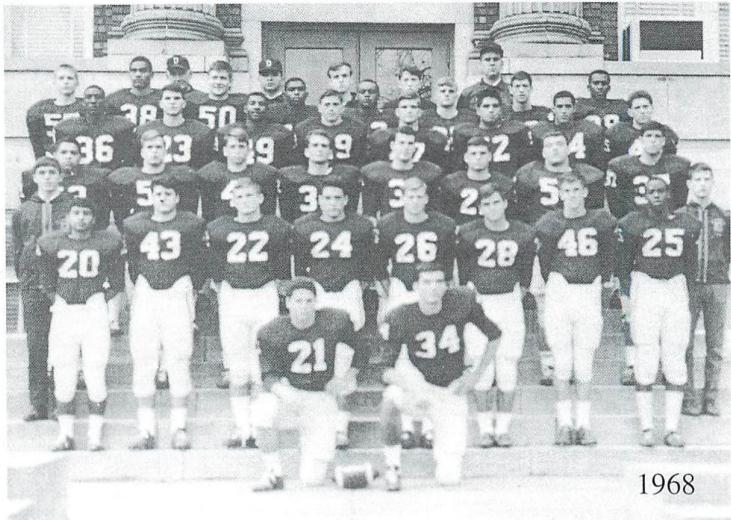
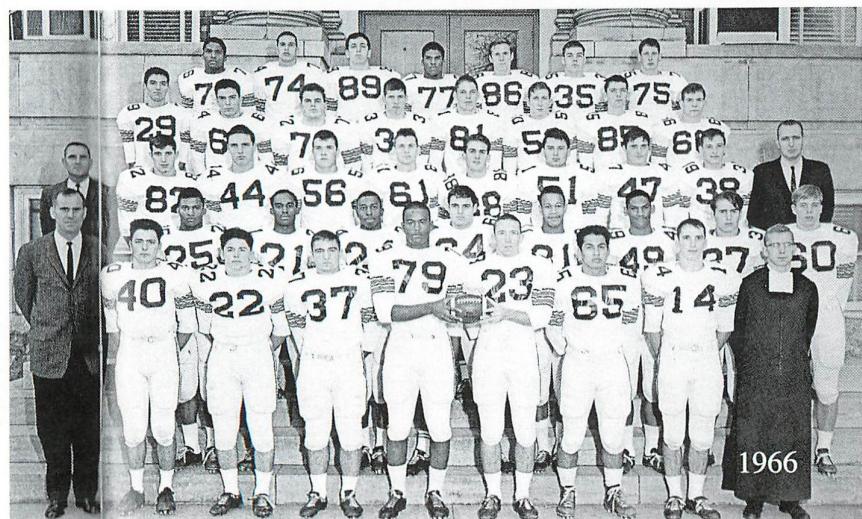
Barro



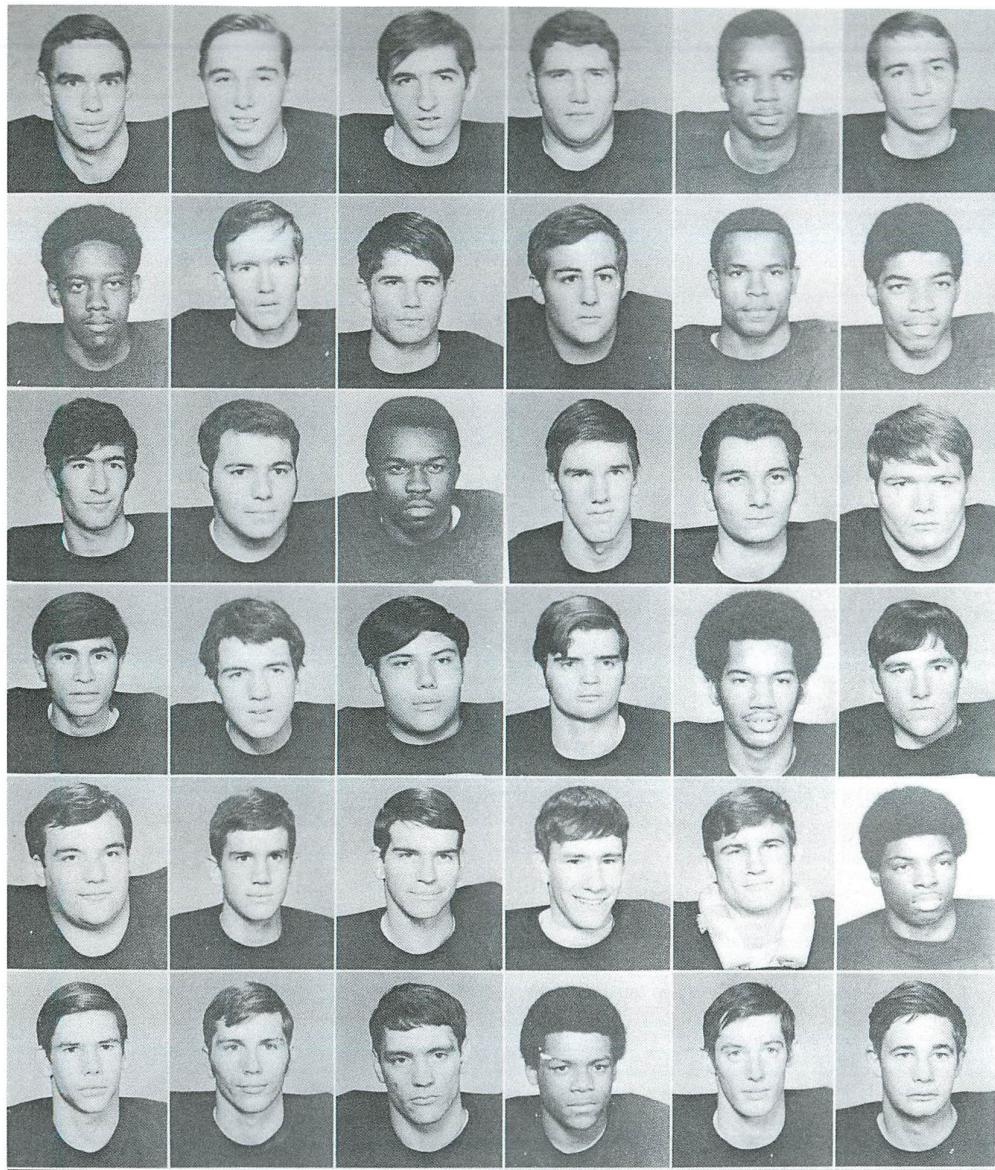
McGuire



Tabor



Dates on photos are yearbook dates



1969 State Champs

Dates on photos are yearbook dates



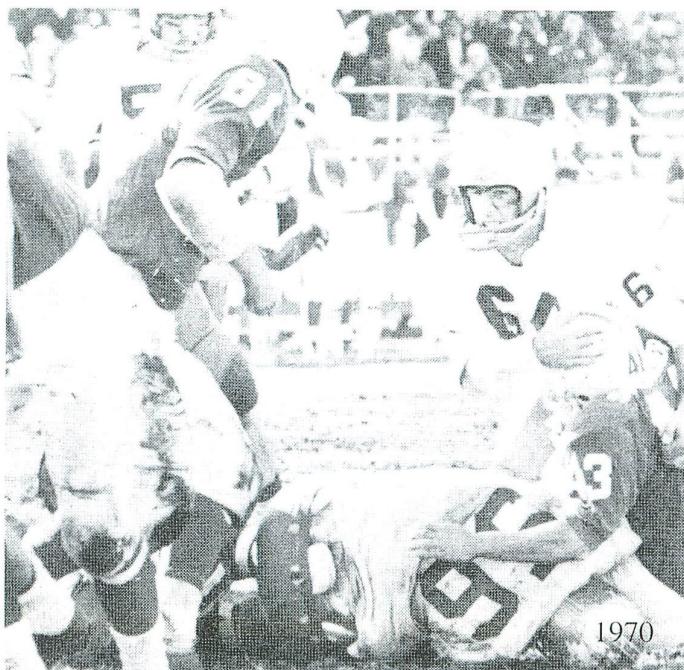
State Champion Coaches

Hopper

Aziere

Morrow

Kiernan



Basketball Program



Turners Hall 15th & Virginia

built the teams practiced at Turners Hall, 15th & Virginia. In the 1930s the varsity basketball team practiced at the Jewish Community Center at Linwood Blvd. and Wayne.

The players were expected to get to practice anyway they could. Since very few, if any, drove to school it was common to see De La Salle varsity basketball players hitchhiking on Paseo to get to practice. In the 1930s home basketball games were played at Redemptorist High School, 211 West Linwood Blvd.

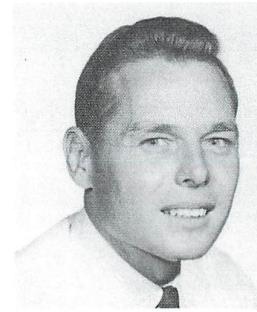
Head Basketball Coaches
1946-56 — Kobets
1956-69 — Grantham
1969-71 — Meyers



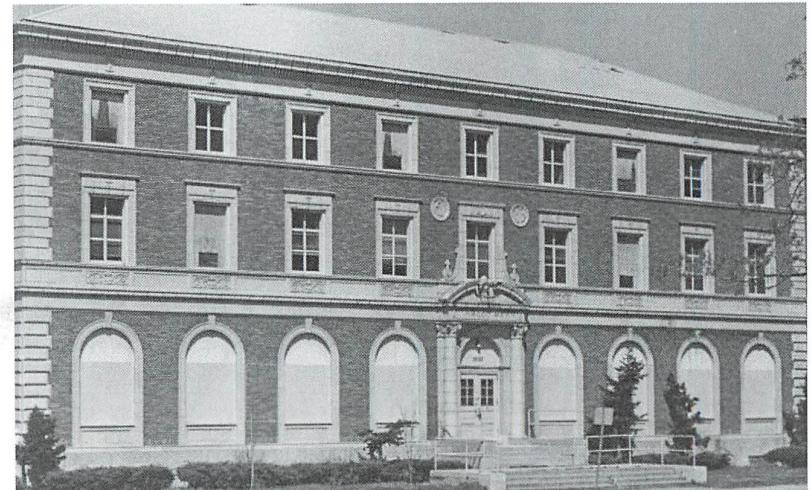
Kobets



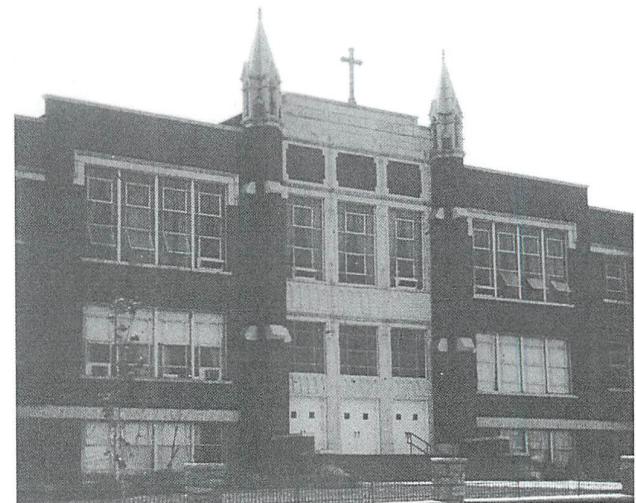
Grantham



Meyers



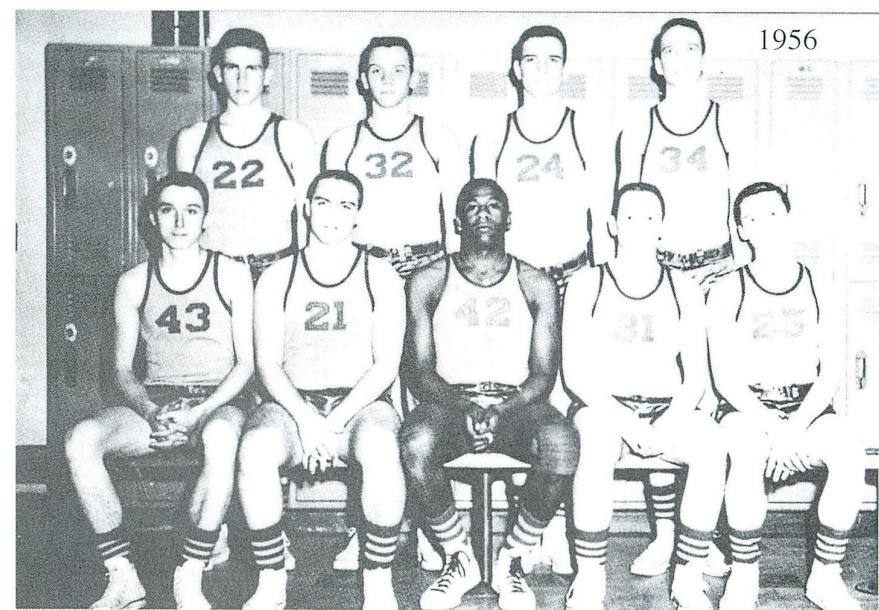
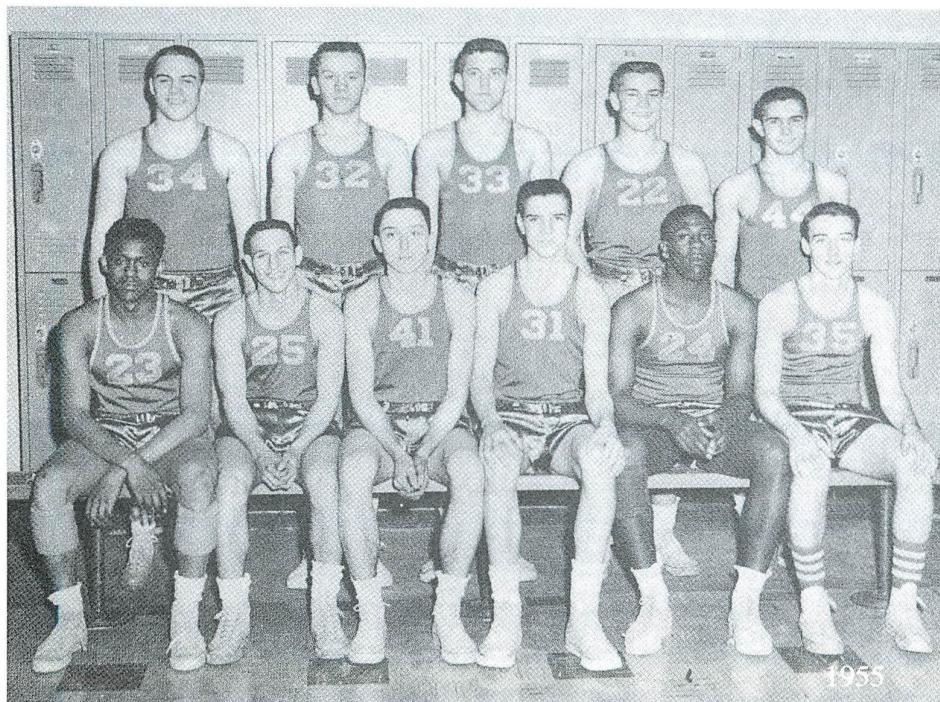
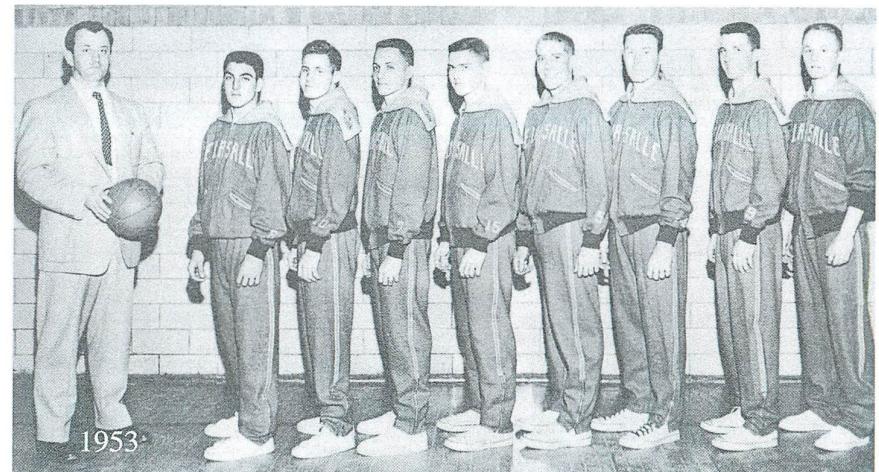
Jewish Community Center, Linwood & Wayne



Redemptorist, 211 West Linwood Blvd.

Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Basketball

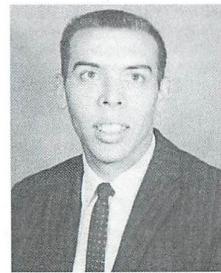


Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Assistant
Coaches



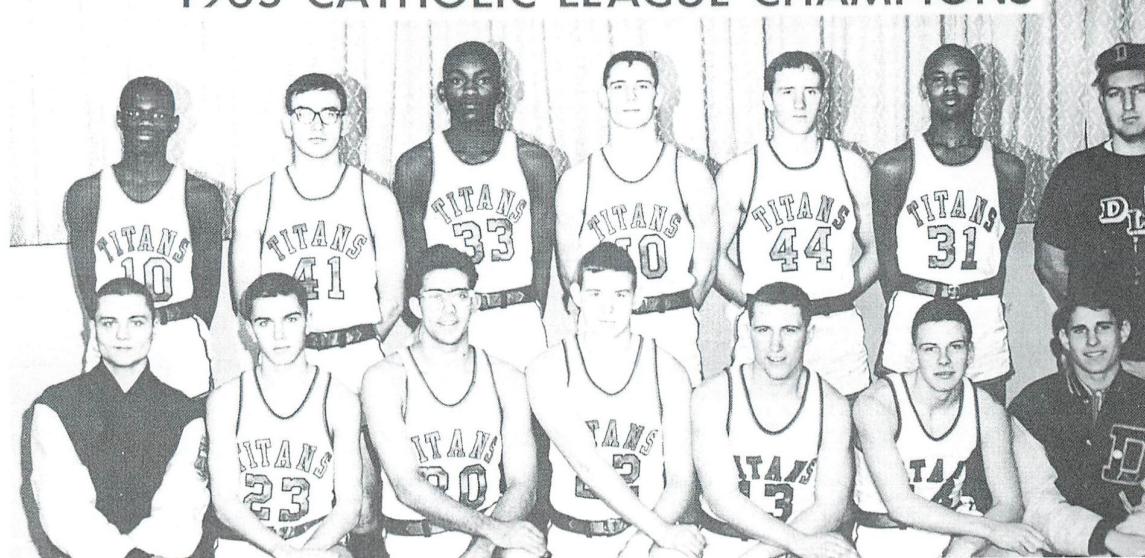
Monteil



Noser



1963 CATHOLIC LEAGUE CHAMPIONS



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

1967 Basketball Team

15-3 Second in the area's 54 schools

Mr. Grantham — Coach of the Year — Coaches Assn.

Clark Powell — All American

Sal Capra — All Metropolitan

Jay Williams — All tourney, Center Invitational



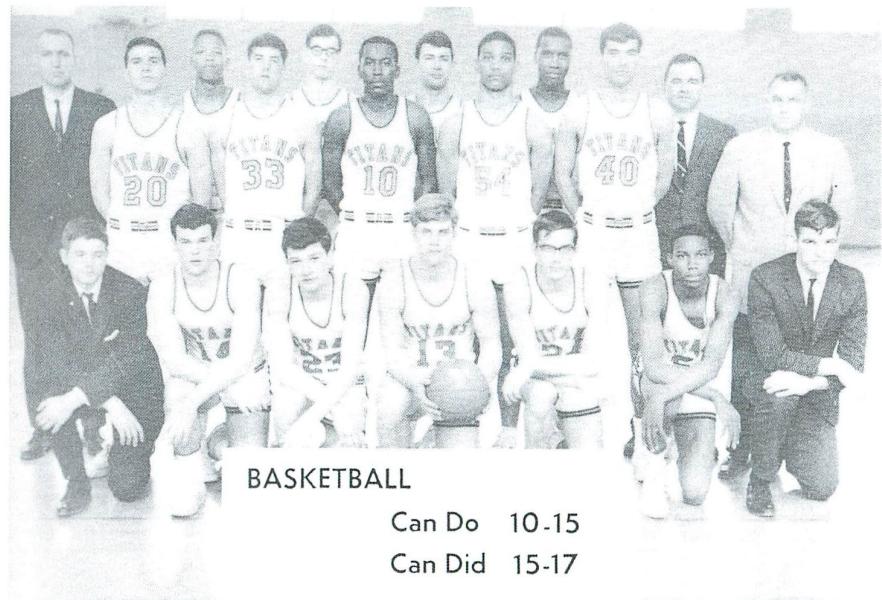
1965



1967



1966



BASKETBALL

Can Do 10-15

Can Did 15-17

Fourth in the State

1968

Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Baseball

We know that the students of the Cathedral Commercial School played baseball by the wonderful picture on page 11. DLS did not field an inter-school team every year. Before 1945 the baseball players played on Legion Teams and other independent teams. They practiced after school on the Parade but played their games in the summer. A Catholic League was formed in 1945 and played into the 50s. (George Colwell '47)

Following the closure of several Missouri Catholic high schools, DLS joined the Border League that included several Kansas schools. The baseball team, like basketball, played Rockhurst before football. "DE LA SALLE FALLS AN EASY PREY TO ROCKHURST" (*Junior Sentinel*, May 27, 1918). In a second game that year "ROCKHURST AGAIN HUMBLED DE LA SALLE" (*Junior Sentinel*, June 10, 1918).

Head Baseball Coaches

1940-42 — Zukowski
1946-56 — Kobets
1956-57 — Grantham
1957-60 — Schutty
1960-67 — Monteil
1967-68 — Orlowski
1969-70 — Matthews
1970-71 — Kopp



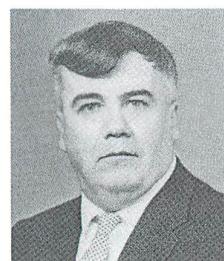
Kobets



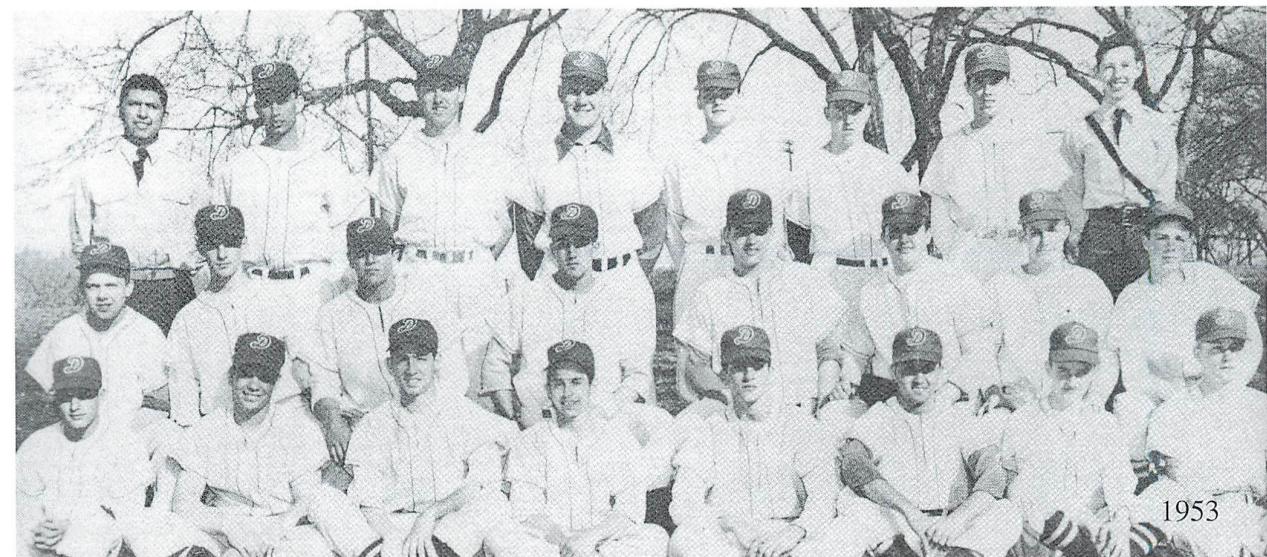
Grantham



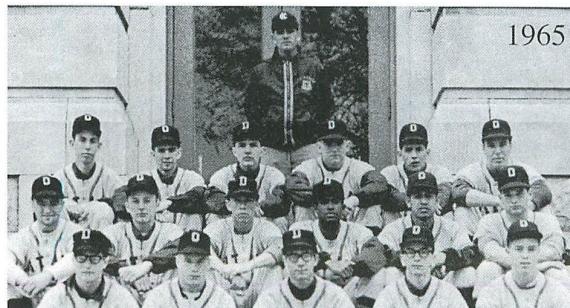
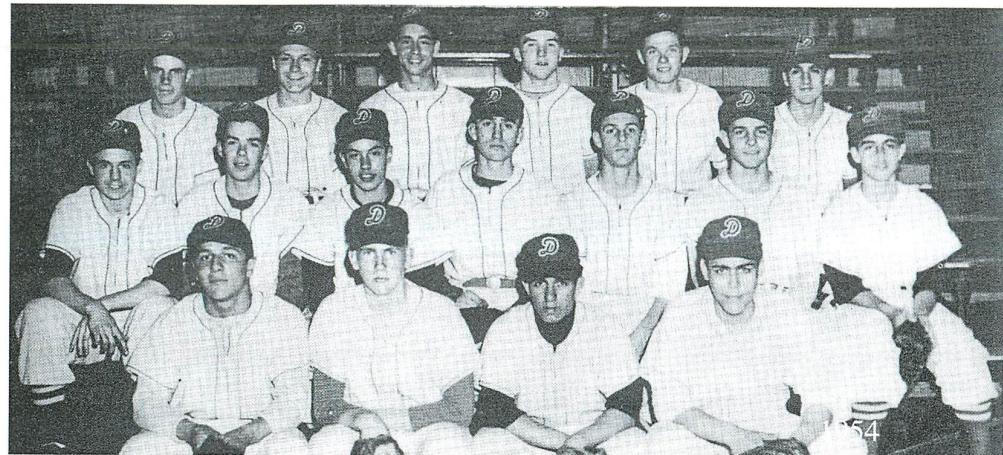
Monteil



Schutty



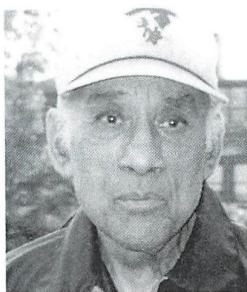
Dates on photos are yearbook dates



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Track

Track Coach



Jimmy Morrow



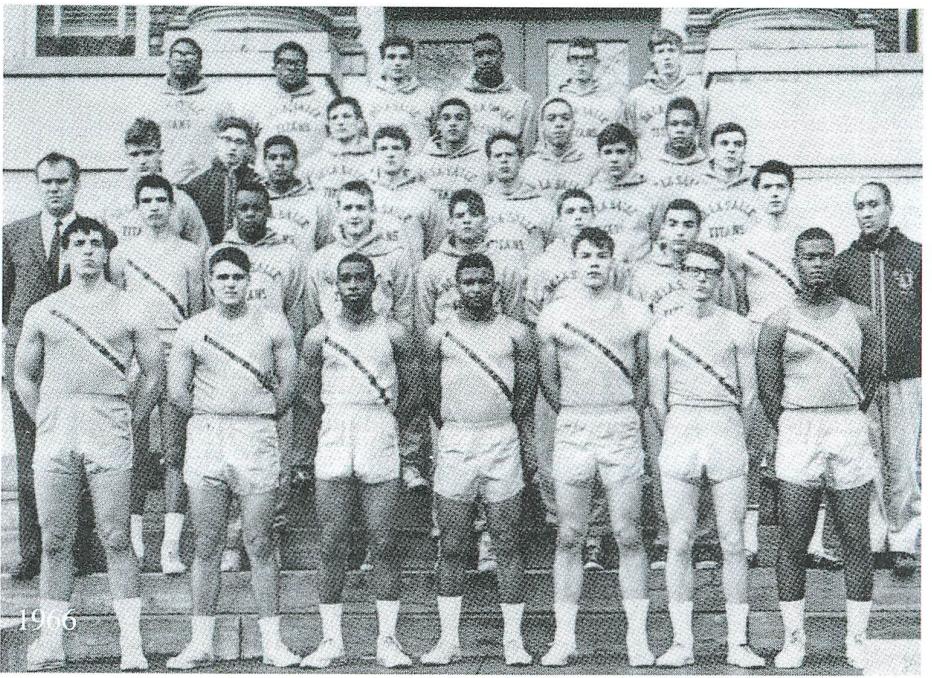
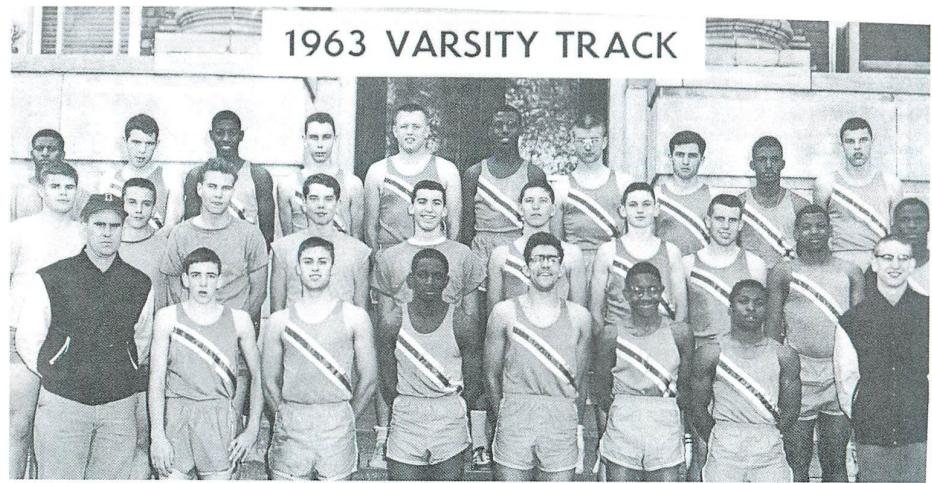
Culver



Track began under difficult circumstances — using a public park for a track, the parade field, hand digging lanes to run, practicing with all the distractions of a public park and yet being very successful and producing some outstanding track athletes. Success was due to determination and dedication of coaches and athletes.



Dates on photos are yearbook dates



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

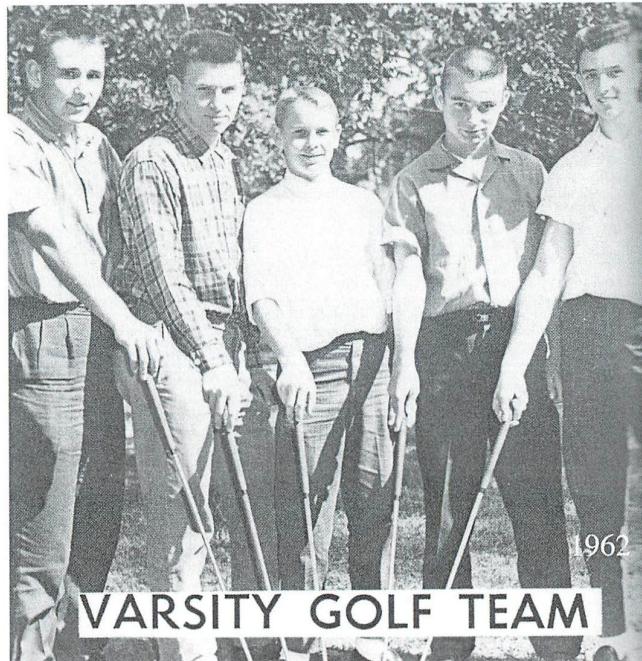
Golf

Golf began with the 1956-57 season

Golf Coach



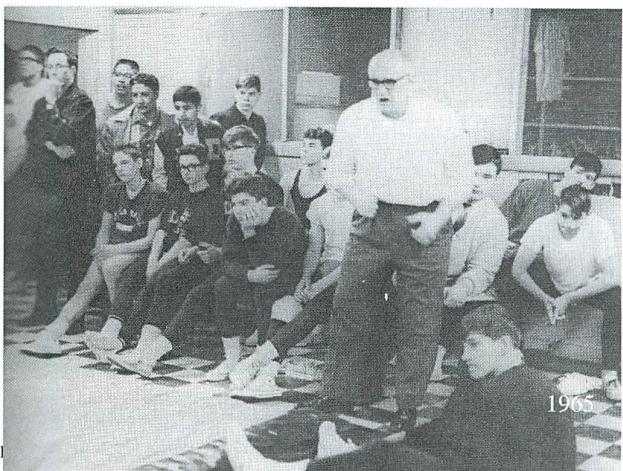
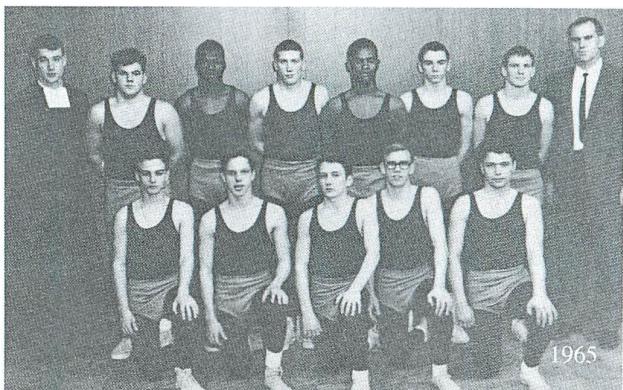
Uporsky



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Wrestling

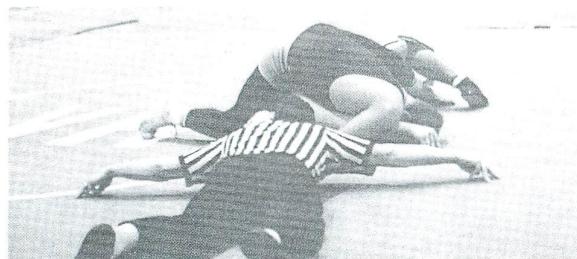
Wrestling began in 1963.



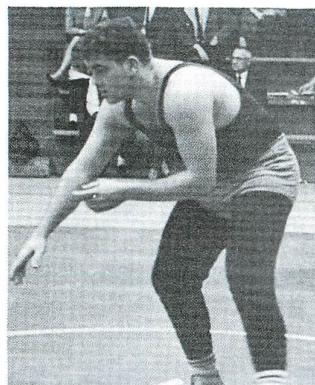
JOHN McNERNEY IS THE FOURTH BEST WRESTLER IN THE STATE.

Wrestling

McNerney at State



The wrestling team began working on conditioning early in October. They could be seen running laps around the Parade and running up and down the stairs in the school. The squad, coached by Mr. Jerry Culver and Brother Jerome, had their first match with Platte City, winning by a shutout and this match set the pattern for many of their following matches. The team came in fourth place in the Van Horn tournament over the Christmas holidays. In only its fourth year here at D.L.S., wrestling is becoming very big with all the students.



Record

D.L.S.	49	Platte City	0
D.L.S.	29	Carroll	21
D.L.S.	11	Center	36
D.L.S.	22	Lafayette	26
D.L.S.	19	Central	29
D.L.S.	14	Van Horn	32
D.L.S.	23	Pem Day	25
D.L.S.	34	Hogan	10
D.L.S.	15	Southwest	29
D.L.S.	13	Washington	36
D.L.S.	23	Truman	19
D.L.S.	22	Ruskin	26

Van Horn Tournament:
36 points, 5th
District Tournament: 23 points
State Tournament: 3 points

1966

Jim Simpson
Dave Guzman
Vince Como
Pat Matthews



John McNerney
Derrick McCord
Ken Nichols
Vince Latona

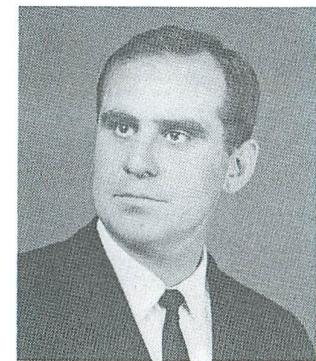


Wrestling Coach



Kiernan

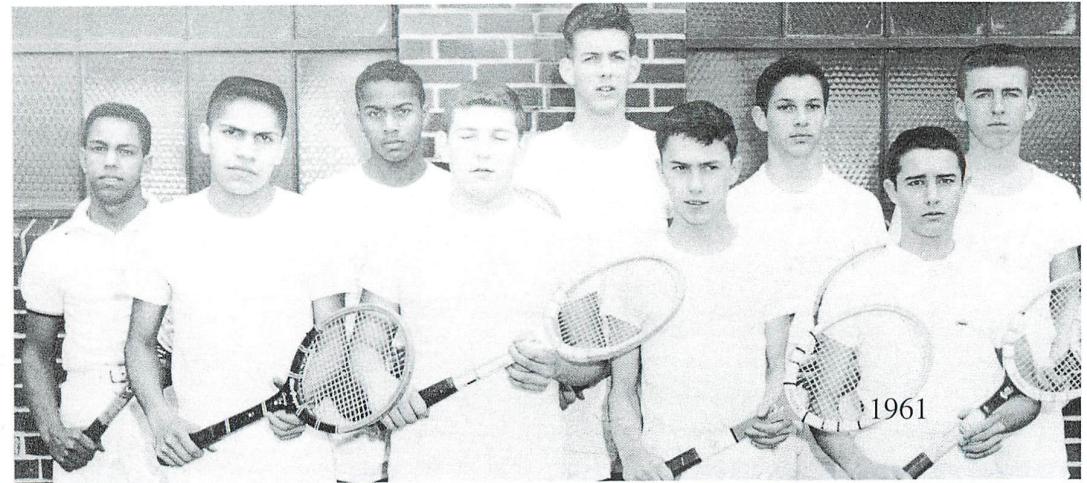
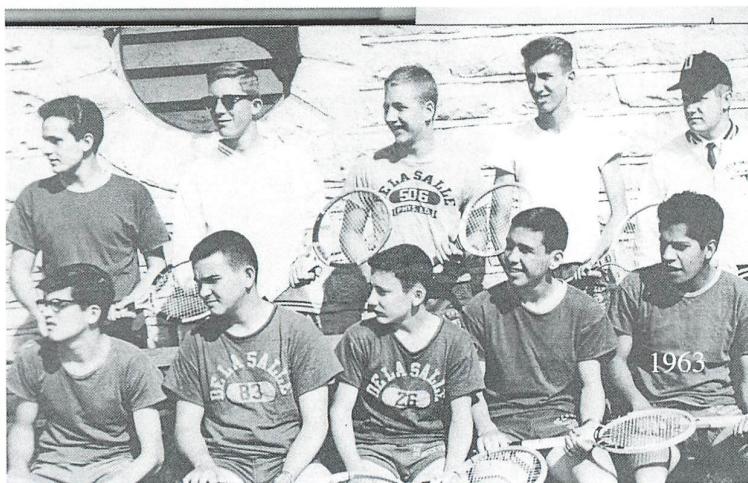
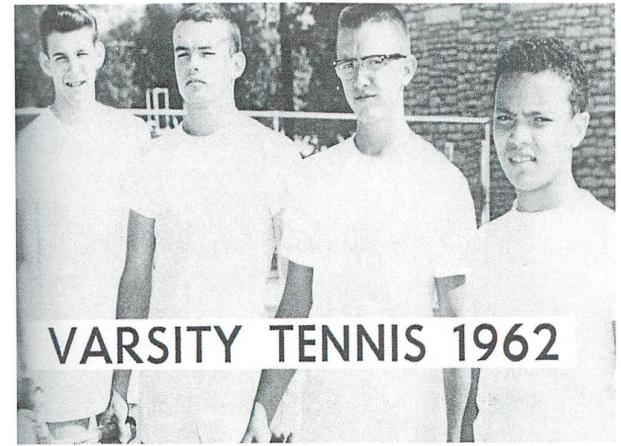
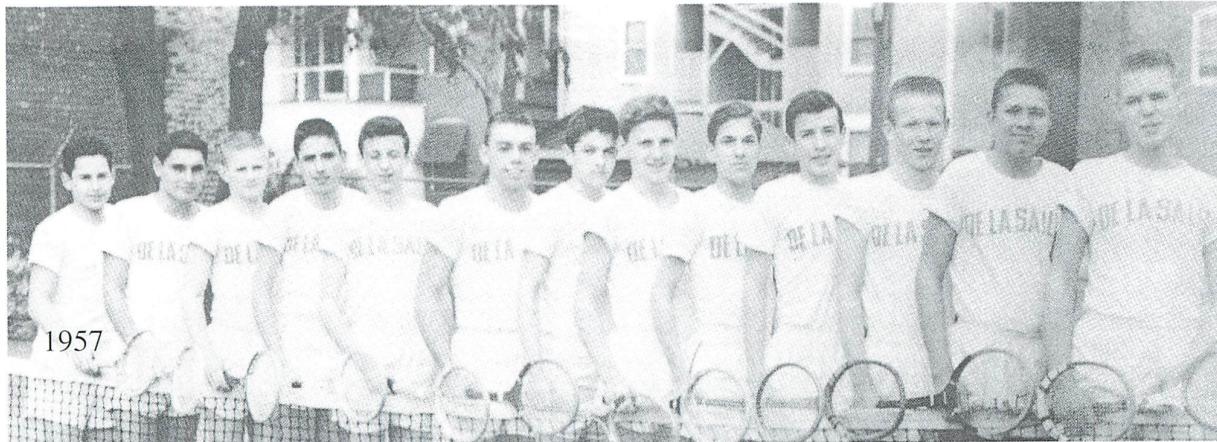
Jerry Culver saw a need to keep his football players in shape and so he instituted the wrestling program.



Culver

Tennis

Tennis began with the 1956-57 season.



Tennis Coach



Boland



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Soccer

Soccer began with the 1965-66 season.

DE LA SALLE'S NEWEST SPORT

Soccer

This year's soccer team, coached by Brother Matthew, braved the hardships of the worst part of winter to participate in this rugged sport. Besides playing the few teams in the Kansas City area, the Titans contested two St. Louis schools—CBC and D'Andres. The opponents were tough and so was the weather. One B team game was played in -6 degrees. Although the season ended with only two victories, the team kept up its spirit and enthusiasm.



Medellin and Ronallo pursue loose ball



Medellin gets his 'Kicks'

Record

2 Wins, 4 Losses, 1 Tie

DLS	0	Rockhurst	1
DLS	0	Rockhurst	0
DLS	1	Bishop Miege	3
DLS	6	Southwest	0
DLS	1	De Andries	7
DLS	0	Rockhurst	2
DLS	1	Bishop Miege	0



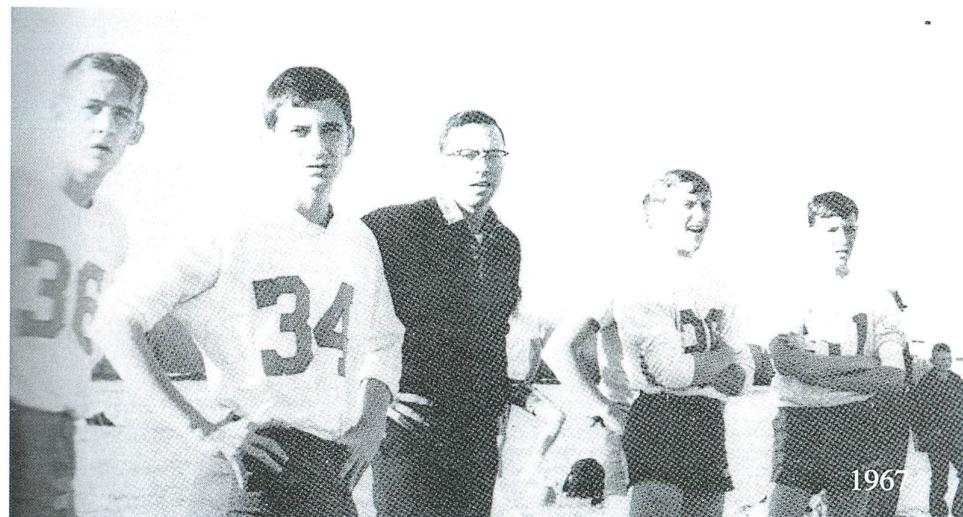
Wubenhurst braces to meet foe

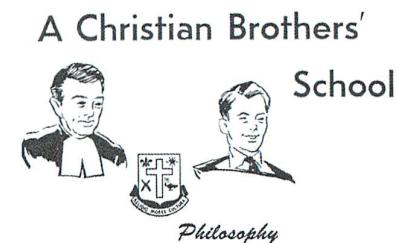
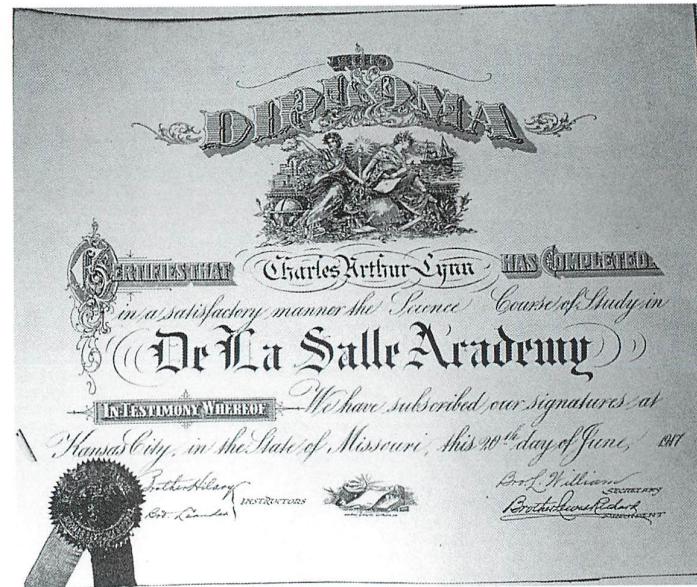
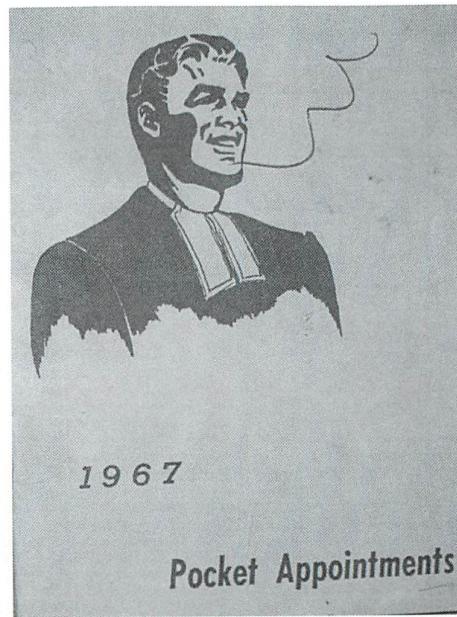
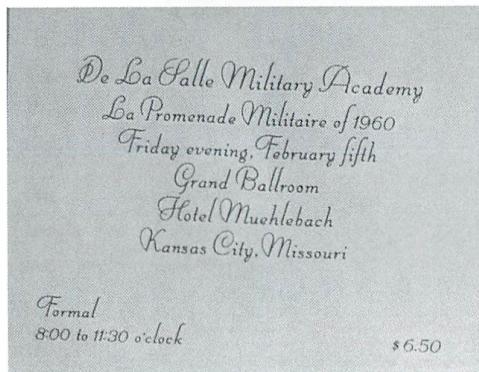
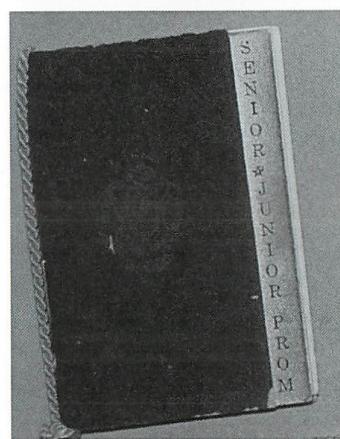
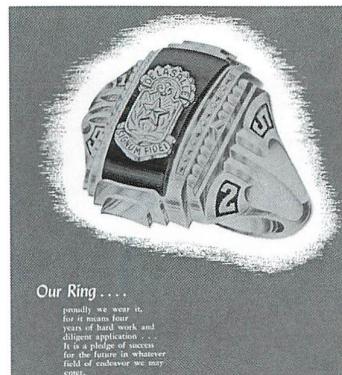
Brother Matthew and team



1966

Dates on photos are yearbook dates





As long as you did it to the least of these,
My brethren, you did it to Me.

De La Salle is your school; it is part of
the Christian tradition deeply rooted in
true Americanism. Belief in the American
republic and the democratic way of life
re-echoes in De La Salle as on the Statue
of Liberty:

Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp
Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to
breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming
shores,
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost
to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!





De La Salle Academy • A History • 1910-2010
1524 Paseo • Extracurriculars

Military Ball

Beginning with the first year of military in 1942-43 the Administration of the school introduced the La Promenade Militaire. The first Military Ball was held on April 30, 1943, at the Muehlebach Hotel. The music was provided by Herb Six and His men of Music.

This was the formal dance of the year and replaced the Prom of previous years. The Military Ball also provided an opportunity to present the Honorary Cadets. It was a special occasion and the upperclassmen looked forward to it each year.

The Cadets wore their dress uniforms and the highlight of the evening was the Cadet Officers with their Honorary Cadets parading under the drawn swords of the Cadet Corps. The Military Ball was held every year until the cessation of the Military program in 1960.



1957



1957



1944



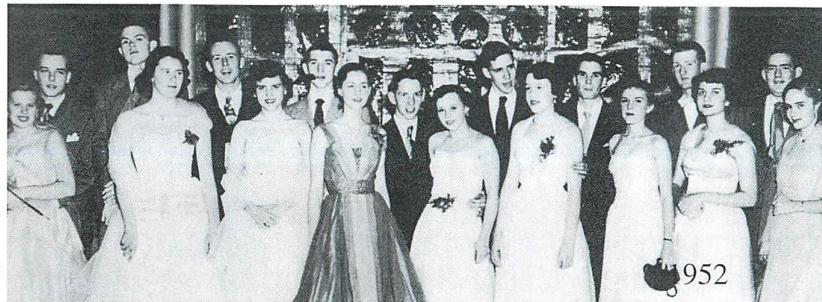
1952



1955

Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Rose Dance

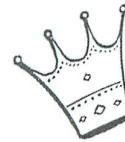
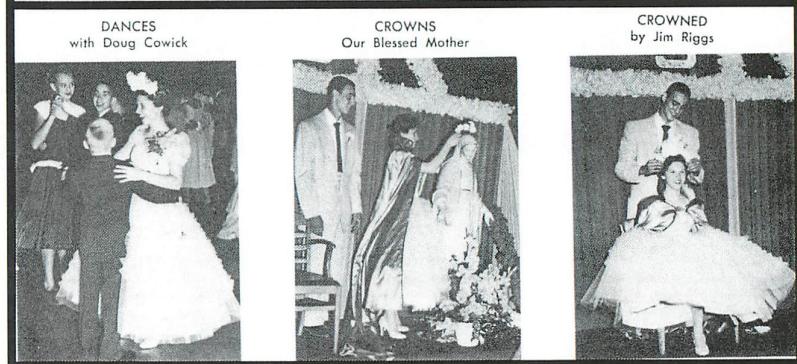
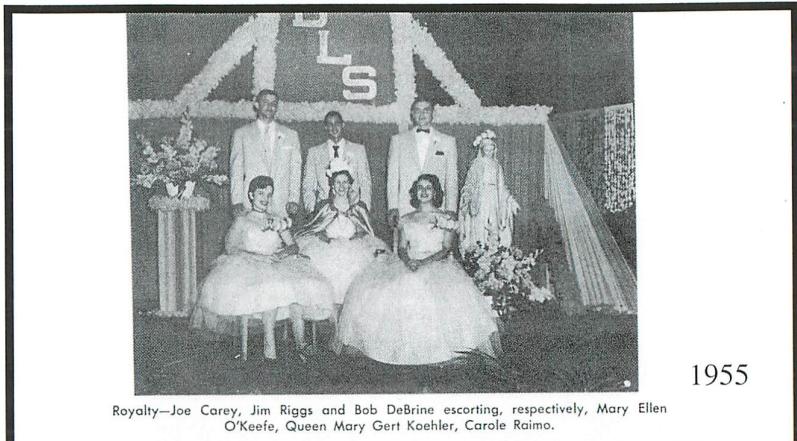


Dates on photos are yearbook dates

The Rose Dance was begun in 1946 by Brother Michael Walsh to honor the Blessed Mother as the Mystical Rose. "The traditional rose was presented to each student's date. The climax of the evening came when Chris Harper was crowned Miss De La Salle '68. As the lights dimmed and the clock struck 12, the Classmen played their last song."

From the 1968 Parade

Homecoming Dance



Homecoming Dance

1952

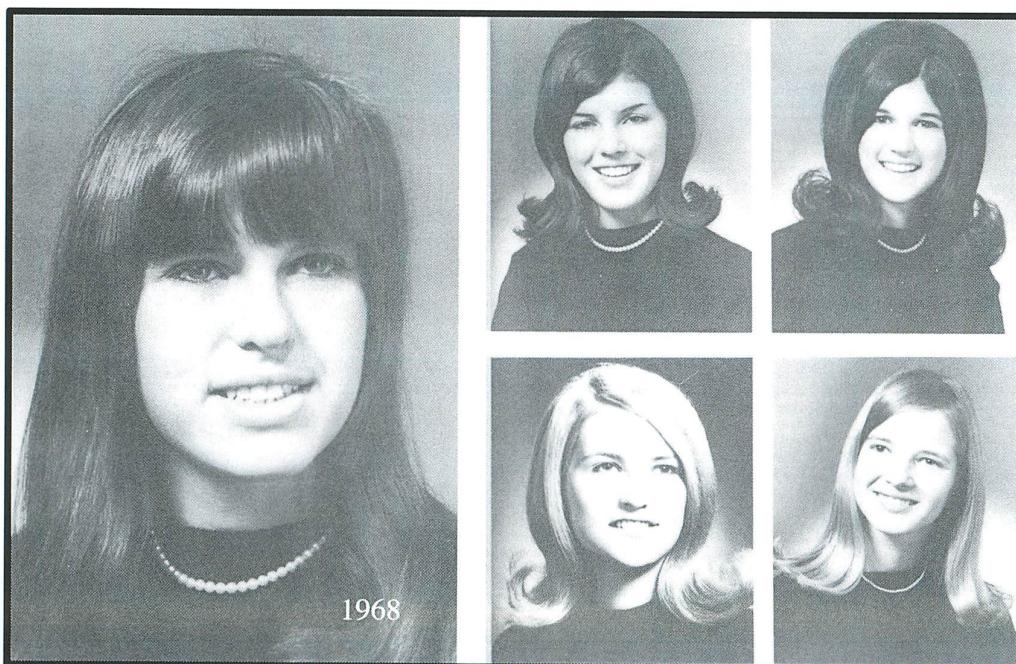
Music and the Dance . . .

Coronation of Queen Mary Anne Rick . . .

Climax of a thrilling day witnessing victory
over our traditional rivals,
the Rockhurst Hawklets.

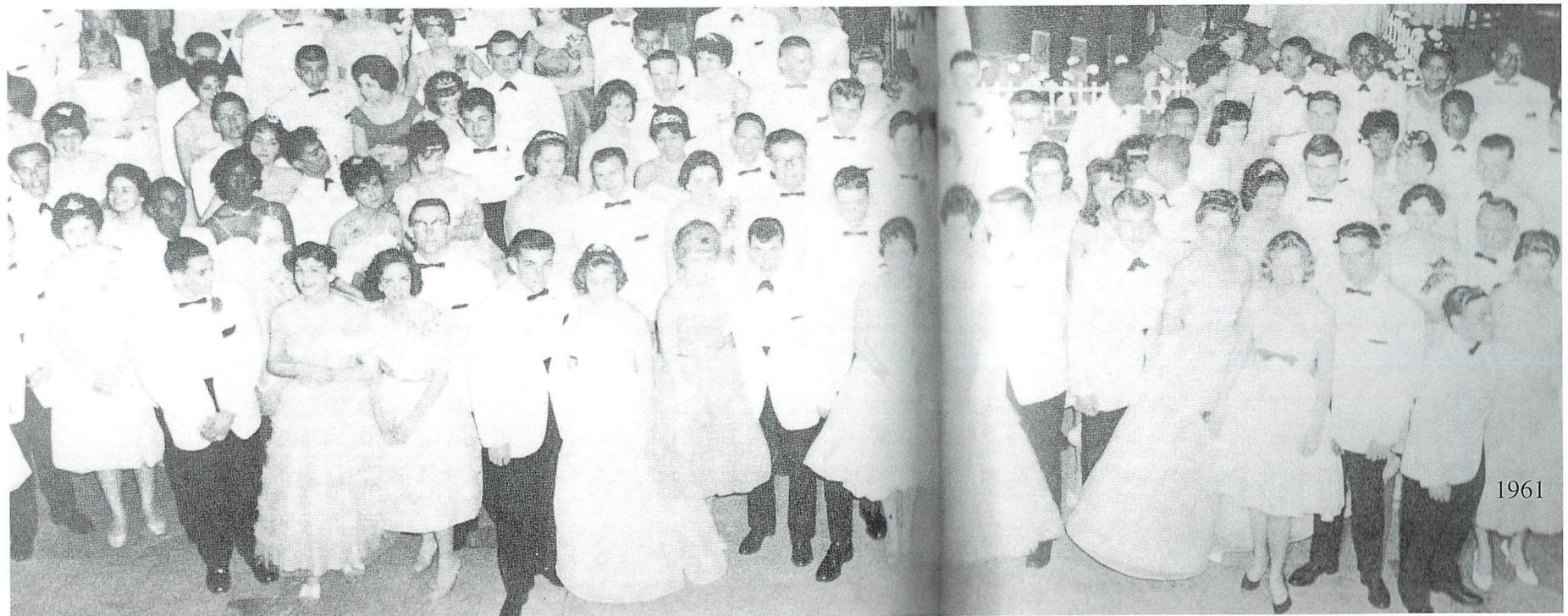


Dates on photos are yearbook dates



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Prom



Dates on photos are yearbook dates



1963

The Prom returned as the featured formal dance in 1960-61 following the end of the military program at DLS. The Prom was held at many formal dance locations throughout the city.



De La Salle High School

Junior - Senior

Prom

David Vanzant and his Orchestra

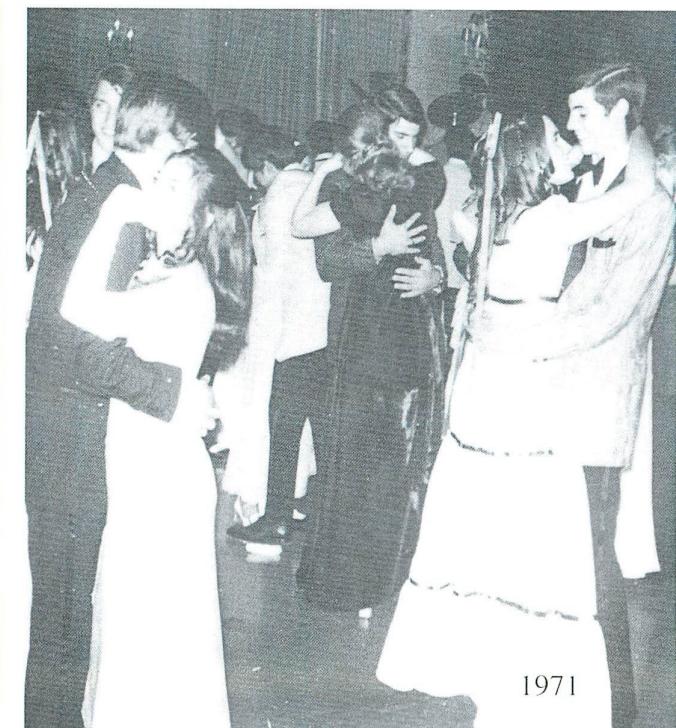
Saturday, May Ninth

nineteen hundred and sixty-four

Eight until Eleven

Colonial Ballroom

Hochleibach Hotel



1971

Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Theatre Productions

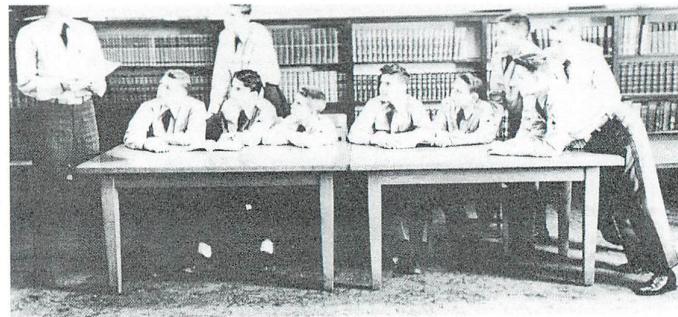


Theatre productions have always been an important extracurricular activity in the history of the Brothers in Kansas City. An important catalyst for this activity was the construction of an auditorium on the first floor of the Cathedral Commercial School. Their productions became very popular and were well attended by the community.

Moving into the new school at 1524 Paseo presented a special challenge to this tradition. There was no auditorium provided in its construction. The solution was building a temporary partition on the ground floor separating this play hall from the cafeteria. It was this partition that caught fire on December 15, 1915, and did damage to the ground level. Brother Lewis Richard, Director, filed a meticulous report of the damage from the fire and his report was accepted by the insurance company. The repair work was done by Brother Lucian, maintenance supervisor at the novitiate in Glencoe, MO. The school netted a tidy sum by saving on the cost of labor.

In the early years of the school play, productions were usually scheduled for a single performance. As their popularity grew, the productions would run for two to three days. Adding days was due to the capacity of the play hall. The Brothers looked for other venues to increase their attendance. Church and school halls and auditoriums were used. The plays became so successful that they even had their productions in the Music Theater in the Municipal Auditorium.

Several examples were: the play *Officer 666* in 1927 was performed at the Madrid Theater; *Anything Might Happen* in 1939 was performed at the Music Hall in the Municipal Auditorium; *Skidding* in 1936 was performed at Redemptorist Auditorium. Following the construction of the gym and auditorium in 1941 the plays were presented in the De La Salle Auditorium.



An example of community support for the productions appears in the programs. In the program for *The Master's Butler* in 1942 performed in the De La Salle Auditorium, there are 35 pages of display advertising, plus 15 pages representing 25 local parishes with listings of parishioners. A 16th page lists patrons from Kansas City, KS. Cover ads promote the College of St. Teresa (now Avila University) and Rockhurst College (now Rockhurst University). Among the still familiar names of advertisers in the program are Sheil Funeral Home, Burns & McDonald, K.C. Life Insurance, O.H. Gerry Optical, Mellody-McGilley Funeral Home, K.C. Power and Light, and Zahner Sheet Metal. An historical Kansas City figure, T. J. Pendergast, was also an advertiser for this production.

Three productions in 1954:

The Play's the Thing (above)
Best Foot Forward (right)
The Gardener Who Feared Death (far right)

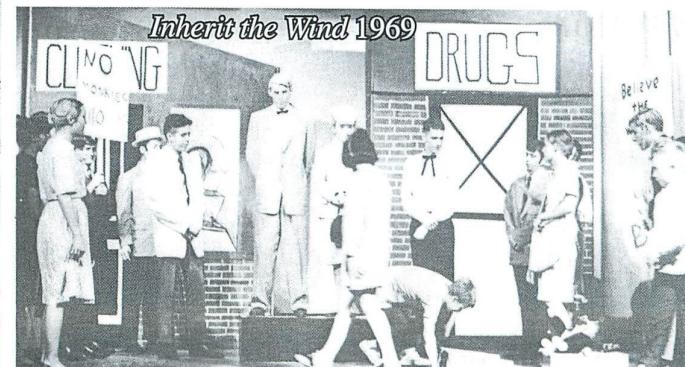
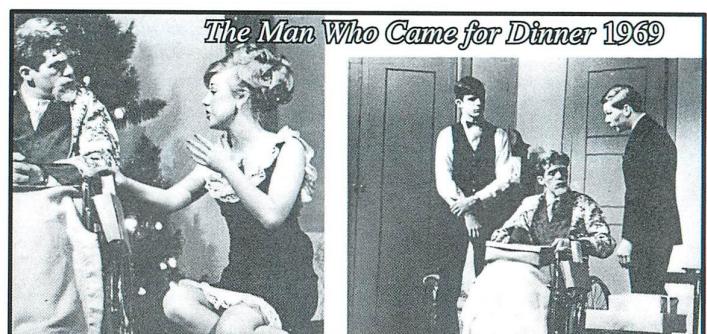
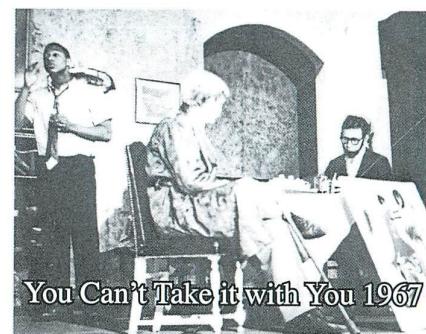
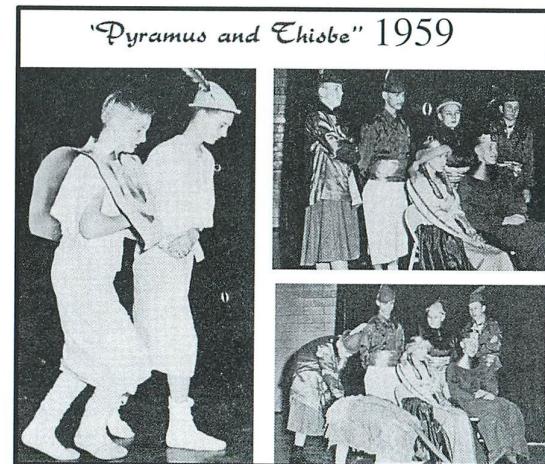
Programs from early plays



Dates on photos are yearbook dates



The Brothers and their students entered the dramatic field at 1524 Paseo in 1911 with the play *Pizzaro*. The performance, directed by Brother Elzear Stephen, was well received by a large audience in the Orpheum Theater. The last performance at 1524 Paseo, *Mame* in 1971, was directed by Brother John Schutty.



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Band



Carl Felhauer,
music director
from the late
1940s to 1957.



DRUMS
Left to right: James Judkins, Vincent Anzalone, Norman Golden, Manuel Flores, James Jones, Tom Fatino, Richard Cleugh, Harry Foster, John Lillis.



1952

TROMBONES
Left to right: Mike Darrah, Norman Cookley, Tom Hammonds, Don Tobin, John Riederer.

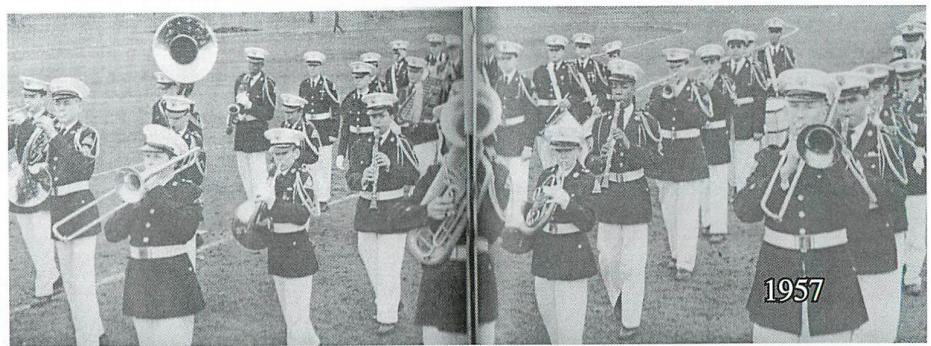


BRASS

Standing: Robert Gadwood, William Kalmus Cookley, Keith Early, Larry Pearce. Seated: Simian.



1956



1957



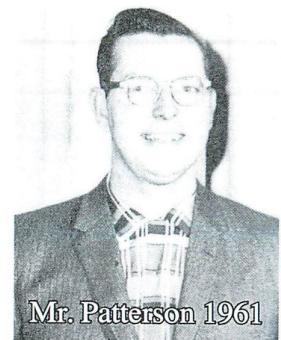
1961

DLS MARCHING BAND ON PARADE



1955

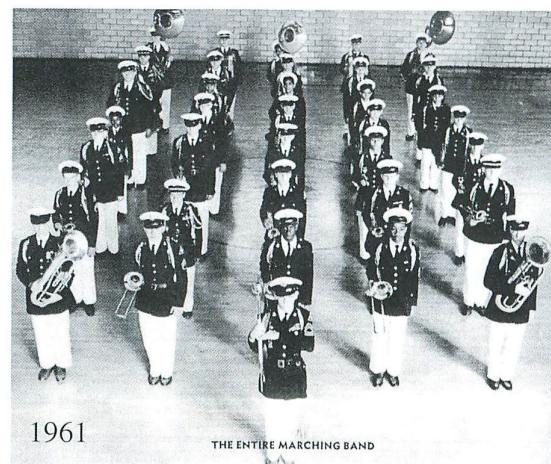
Dates on photos are yearbook dates



Mr. Patterson 1961



Although I am unsure of when the band started, I do remember that private lessons were offered at \$2 per lesson. We usually played and marched on Fridays with the regiment, and we usually marched in the Armistice Day Parade (although my senior year we did not, for some strange reason). We played and marched at graduation at the Municipal Auditorium, and we performed at the St.Teresa Musical Festival in May. (I performed at the Regional (District) Musical Festival and State Festival).



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

My senior year we also marched in the Holy Rosary parish parade in little Italy (5th & Harrison neighborhood). The old Italian guys would sit on the front porch and send money out to be pinned on the band banner.

by John Coakley

The Review — Yearbook — The Parade

The Review, published in May 1947 was De La Salle's first yearbook. Equally significant, *The Review* was published without any financial support from the faculty or administration. Looking back, it was quite an accomplishment and I am very proud to have been the editor. The other seniors who contributed the most were Warren Moore, Harry Gray, Robert Nelson, Norman Schweiger, Anthony Romano, Leo Judge, Matt Small and John Huber.

As I recall the events, several of us approached Brother Kevin, FSC, the Director, with a request for a school yearbook. He refused for reasons I cannot remember: however, I assumed it had to do with costs. Nevertheless, a small group of seniors decided it was important enough to try and publish a yearbook on our own "nickel." We set up a committee and initiated a plan for raising funds.

I remember we mailed a letter of solicitation to as many alumni as we could locate, and we appealed to committee members and other students to help with the fund raising. We sold ads to local schools and businesses, including Hansan's Coin and Stamp Shop (my dad!). Finally, we had a list of "social contributors" which upon reading reveals they are for the most part the parents of yearbook committee members and other students. I cannot remember exactly how much we raised or how the funds were managed: but the book itself is a tribute to our success raising funds from many different sources.

The two most important contributors have to be Harry Gray and Warren Moore. Harry was our photographer and Warren was the printer. If you ever see a copy of *The Review* you will recognize immediately it is "handmade." We bought a specific number of shells from some provider, with a cover, separators and bordered pages. Warren Moore supervised the preparation of the graphics and he handled the printing of all pages in the De La Salle print shop utilizing a single page press.

Finally, when we had everything ready to go, a group of us worked all night to assemble all the copies, page-by-page and then manually rivet the book into its purple and gold cover. Whew! Quite a job, but a very satisfying experience over all

by John E. Hansan, PH.D. '47
and Editor of *The Review*

Although there had been yearbooks in the past, it was not until 1952 that a standard name was given to the yearbook that continued until the school closed in 1971. Whose idea was it to give the yearbook a new name? Was it a contest? If so, what was the prize? Were there many entries? What were some of the names submitted? Who made the final decision to choose the name? Here are some answers to these questions:

"To the best of my memory, Brother Lewis Vincent was in charge of bringing the yearbook back.

I read on the bulletin board that a contest to name the yearbook was open to all students. Since Brother Vincent was my homeroom teacher, I asked him if I should submit a name. His reply was yes.

The prize was a free yearbook. You could enter more than one name. I don't remember how many entries were submitted. I suspect there were

very many as there was quite an interest in restarting a yearbook.

During homeroom it came to me that everything we did at DLS, marching, practicing football, baseball was done on the parade grounds. This started me thinking of titles: "Pass in Review," The Parade in Review," and "Review the Parade."

I asked Brother Vincent what he thought of my idea of a name relating to the Parade Grounds. He liked my thoughts, but suggested I shorten the title. Thus — "The Parade."

The final decision was made by the yearbook staff. I guess being in Brother Vincent's homeroom had to help."

by Bennie Palmentere '52

Dates on photos are yearbook dates



tee:



Parade Moderator



Br. Vincent



Schutty and Logan—Sports Statisticians



Murphy—Senior Section Editor



Moon—Managing Editor



Clinton—Writer



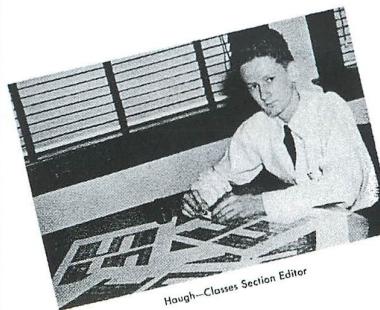
Parade
Photographer



Brother Benedict—Photographer and Faculty Advisor

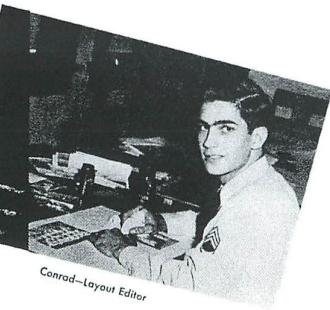


McGuire, Hollis and Higley—Typists



Haugh—Classes Section Editor

STAFF

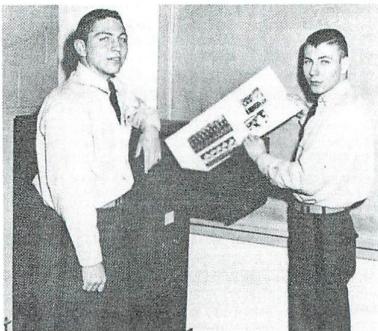


Conrad—Layout Editor

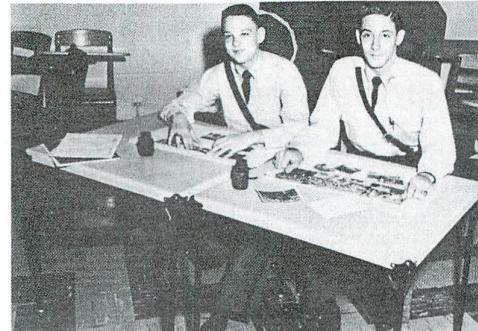


Br. Maurelian

Dates on photos are yearbook dates



John Braddock and Gene Desko—Organizations.



Mike Waters and Mario Guastello—Activities.



Jim Ryan and Joe Barko—Introduction and Athletics, respectively.



Ken Kessler and Bill Kopek—Classes.



Bernie Bertoncin and Don Bierman—Seniors.

Linus Goth—Student Photographer.



1955

Yearbook

In addition to the boys pictures above a few others should be recognized: Mike Vogelgesang for help on the Military Section and Steve Offutt for help on the same section as well as the Business end of the book; Mike McAnally and Joe Carey for help on the Sports section; Brothers Gregory F.S.C.

Staff

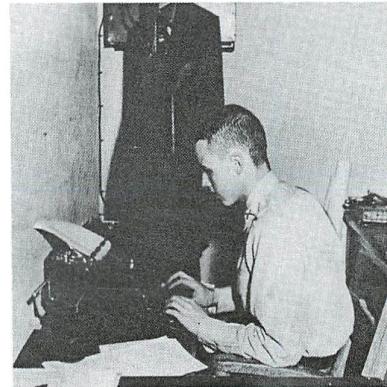
and Bernard F.S.C. for their help on the photography and Brother L. James, F.S.C. for help on layout work. Thanks to Brother Director, Faculty Members, and boys who supplied information, posed for pictures and helped in any way to make the 1955 Parade a reality.

Real, unposed work!!!

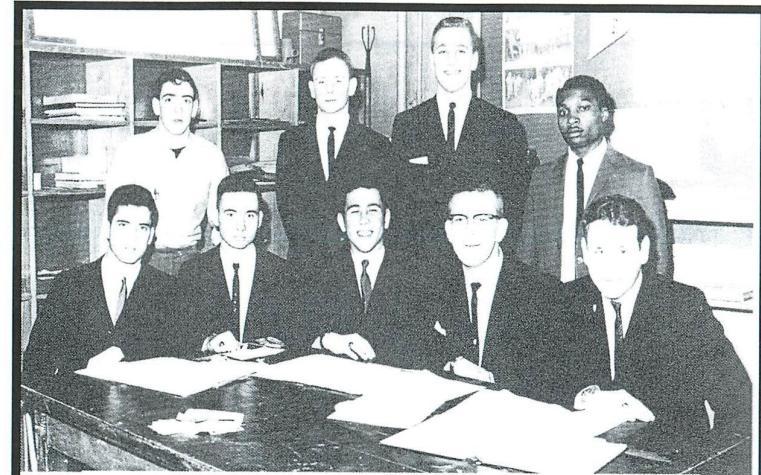


Tom Brown—Faculty and Snapshots; Dave Adams—Faculty.

Jim Hutchison—Typist.



Dates on photos are yearbook dates



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

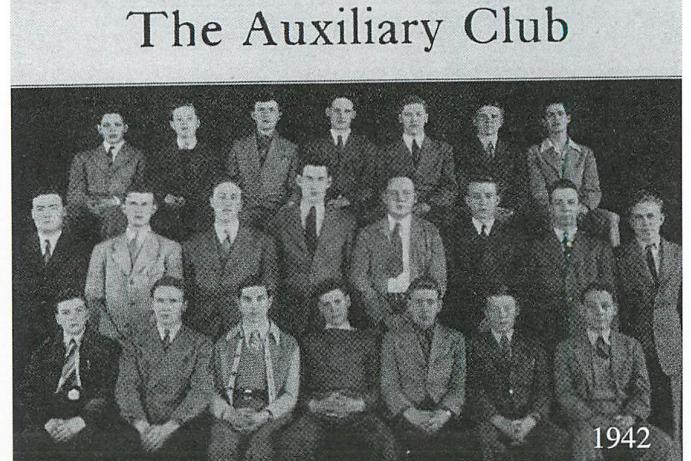
Auxiliary Club

The Saint De La Salle Auxiliary was an Association whose members contribute to the support and education of young men who are preparing to become Christian Brothers. By enrolling in the St. De La Salle Auxiliary one became a promoter of Catholic Education and a true friend of the Christian Brothers. The 1944 class led the Auxiliary Drives for four straight years. In their senior year they nearly equaled the school quota by themselves.

The Auxiliary Club



The Auxiliary Club



First Row, left to right—Louis Beck, Robert White, Angelo Volpe, Jack Freund, Bernard Roach, John Killeen, Bob Beverage.

Middle Row—George O'Donnell, Joseph Philippy, Jack O'Halloran, Patrick McInerney, John O'Donnell, Hugh Nivens, William Dawson, Leon Devaney.

Top Row—Edward Hadel, Patrick Geraughty, James Lillis, Charles Hipp, Donald Leahy, Paul Smith, Nicholas Wallerstedt.

• • •

AUXILIARY BENEFITS

1. A Plenary Indulgence on the day of enrollment in the Auxiliary; at the hour of death; on the feasts of Saints Peter and Paul and of the Apostles; on one of the Ember Days and on May 15, the Feast of St. John Baptist De La Salle.
2. One hundred days' indulgence each time the members perform some good work with the intention of promoting vocations.
3. Every day the Litany of our Lady is recited in all the communities of the Christian Brothers for their benefactors living.
4. Twelve Novenas yearly in which the Intentions of members are remembered by the Novices, Scholastics and Boys at Glencoe.
5. Members share in the merit attached to all almsgiving performed with a right intention; they share in the merit of the good works which the Christian Brothers will be enabled, through this liberality, to undertake.
6. Membership entitled one to receive the Bulletin of the Auxiliary which is published quarterly.
7. Fifty-two Masses are said annually for the Spiritual and temporal welfare of members.



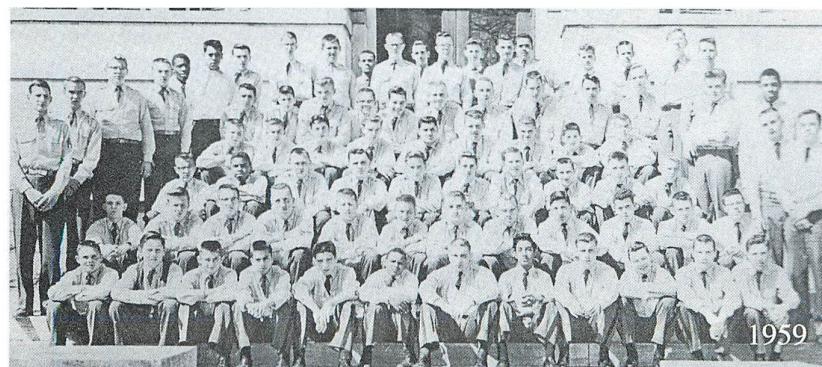
First Row: Joseph Mika, Joseph Crahan, Joseph Kissinger, William Freund, Herbert Boutross, Paul Smith, James Noonan, Robert Curran. Second Row: Vincent Cowan, Lawrence Lynch, Valentine Kramer, Charles Knapp, Robert McCallum, James Bennett, Leo Armbruster, Charles Fuson. Third Row: Eugene Hadel, Charles Newman, Robert Stiegler, Bernard Lillis, John Devaney, John Dalton. Fourth Row: Richard Rengel, Alexander DeMarea, John Lyons, Richard Dillon, Daniel Garvey, Bernard Regan. Fifth Row: James Martindale, Vincent Kenny, George Sterner, William Leonard, Joseph McCarthy, Herbert Putthoff. Sixth Row: Richard Grindinger, George Brice.

Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Benildus Club



The Benildus Club had as its purpose the fostering of vocations. Members of the club spent a certain amount of time in the chapel, praying in order that they would make the right choice in life.

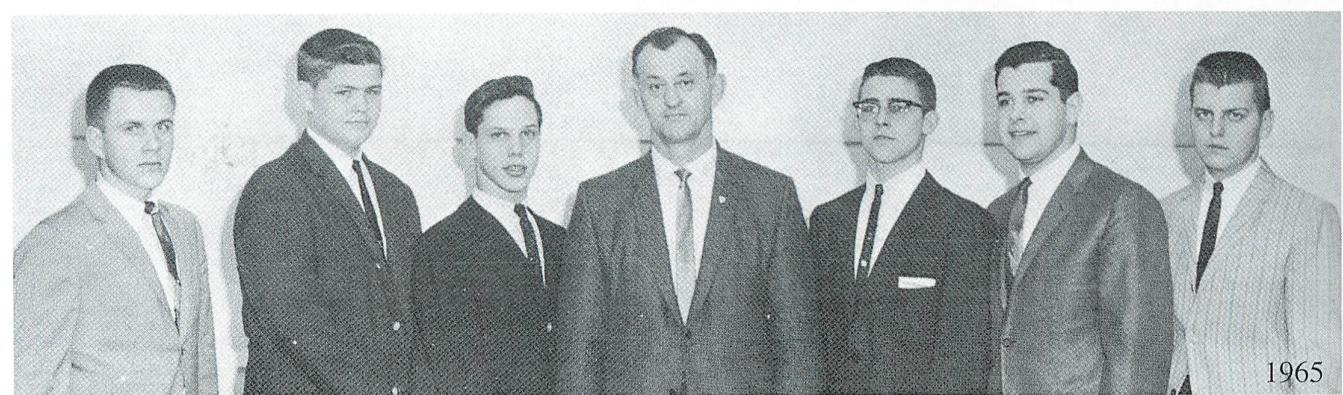
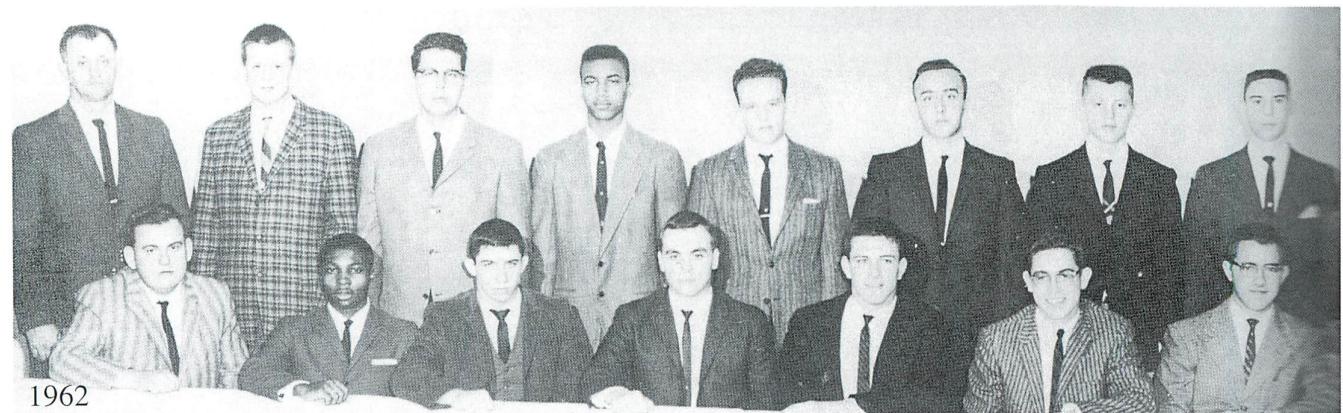


Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Mission Club

The Mission Club met to prepare information about the work of the Christian Brothers in their world wide foreign missions. They would incorporate newsletters and personal letters from CB Missionaries in their announcements. They would plan Mission Collections, fund raising activities and create posters and announcements for the monthly Mission Collections.

There was unofficial competition among the classes to see which home-room could collect the most money. In the 1950s Brother Bernard (Zachisis) with his "Amigo stick" and Bill Uporsky with his "meter stick" were always the top two rooms.



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Legion of Mary



QUEEN AND MOTHER

LEFT, SEATED: Rizzo, Young, Kobets, Hildebrand, Zimmerman, Clark. STANDING: Mr. Montiel, Brother I. Norbert, Mr. Montiel.

LEGION OF

HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

LEFT, SEATED: Arnedoriz, Volk, Volk, Smith. STANDING: Brother Louis of Mary, Mr. Boland. RIGHT, SEATED: Wolf, Tavernaro, Barackman.



MARY 1962

OUR LADY OF THE STAR

RIGHT, SEATED: Kostelac, Blair, Zimmerman. STANDING: Mr. Culber, Mr. Uporsky. LEFT, SEATED: Arnone, Cappa.



P. Burns, J. Mulloy, T. Kobets, M. Johnson, S. Clark, Mr. Kobets, Bro. Norbert, L. Franke, F. Stewart, L. Como, J. Goetz, T. Stewart, J. Stewart.

LEGION OF MARY 1963

J. Davies, T. Smith, Mr. Montiel, Bro. Lewis, J. Voelker, R. Tavernaro, C. Bibbs.

J. Quinn, D. Cappa, Bro. Jerome, Mr. Uporsky, J. DeSimone, L. Sheffield



1964



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Kobe began this club in the 1960s. Following his participation in the Cursillo, a special religious program for men, he developed a personal devotion to the Blessed Mother and wanted to share that devotion with the student body.

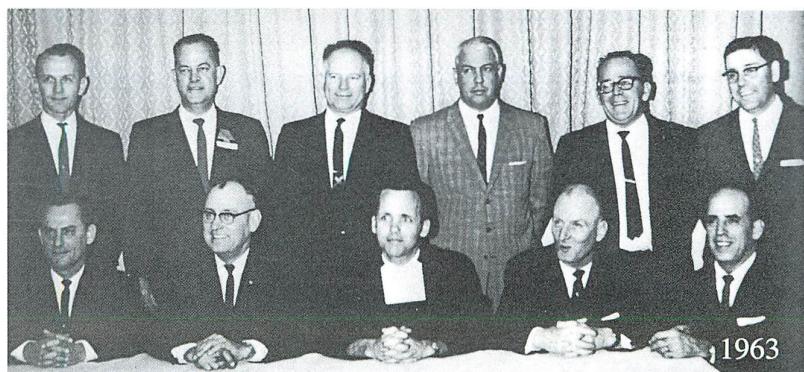
The membership in the Club was voluntary and it met weekly at first and then monthly after the first year. The meetings often began with a special devotional prayer or reading about the Blessed Mother. It would also include saying several decades or the entire Rosary.

Kobe also invited other members of the faculty and staff to be involved in promoting the club and to become members and leaders in the meetings.

De La Salle Fathers Club

The Fathers Club had been a tradition with all Brothers' Schools. It provided an opportunity for the Fathers to become involved with the school so they could sponsor projects and help raise funds for the school. They were especially active in supporting the athletic programs and sometimes lending a hand in remodeling and construction projects. A highlight of the year was the Annual Father and Son Banquet. This provided an opportunity for interaction between the Fathers and the Faculty and Staff of the school.





Dates on photos are yearbook dates

De La Salle Mothers Club

There is very little information known of when the first Mothers Club was formed. We suspect that there was always some involvement by the mothers in the life of the school. The first information was found in the Class of 1936 play program. The Mothers were always interested and willing to take on projects to enhance the school's appearance and services for their sons.

The 1943-44 Mothers Club took on a project that changed an integral part of the school. The Mothers wanted to do a big project. Before 1943 the door next to the steps leading from the 16th Street entrance up to the first floor led to an athletic locker room. A doorway was cut through a 20-inch brick wall to connect to the cafeteria and all modern kitchen equipment was purchased and installed. For the first time hot meals could be prepared and served to students.

Another project of the Mothers Club was upgrading the kitchen that was through a doorway to the left of the stage in the gymnasium. This kitchen provided a place to prepare meals for Mothers Club's Teas and Socials as well as for Father-Son Dinners. This kitchen was also used to prepare meals for the alumni banquets that were held in the gym from 1955 to 1995 when the diocese sold the school building.

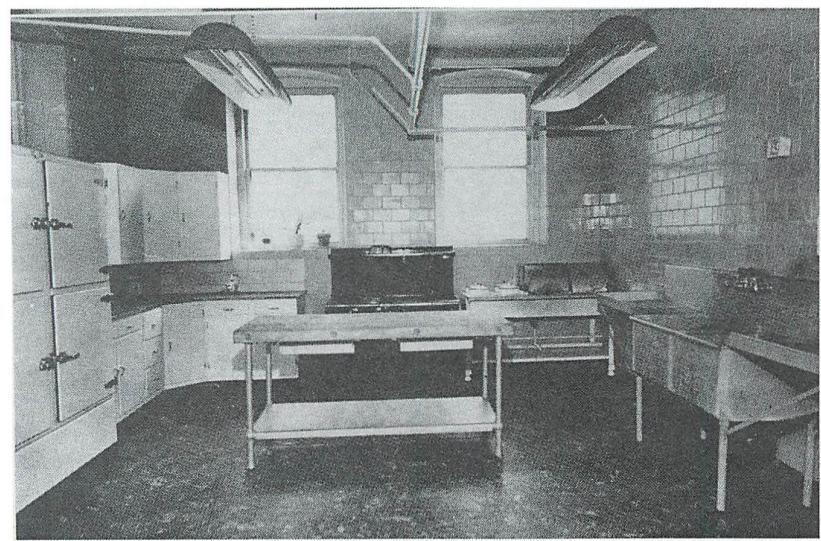


The Officers

Top row (left to right): Mrs. William B. Sutcliffe, treasurer; Mrs. Floyd R. Burton, first vice-president; Mrs. Leo C. Reintjes, president; Mrs. Anna M. Mauer, historian.

Bottom row: Mrs. John J. McFarland, assistant treasurer; Mrs. Charles P. Becker, Jr., secretary; Mrs. W. D. Seaver, publicity chairman; Mrs. David Fritzen, vice-president.

After the initial meeting of the Mothers Club of 1943-44 had convened and elected officers, the question arose, "What shall we take as our project for this year?"



Dates on photos are yearbook dates



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

“Glencoe Club” a valuable support group

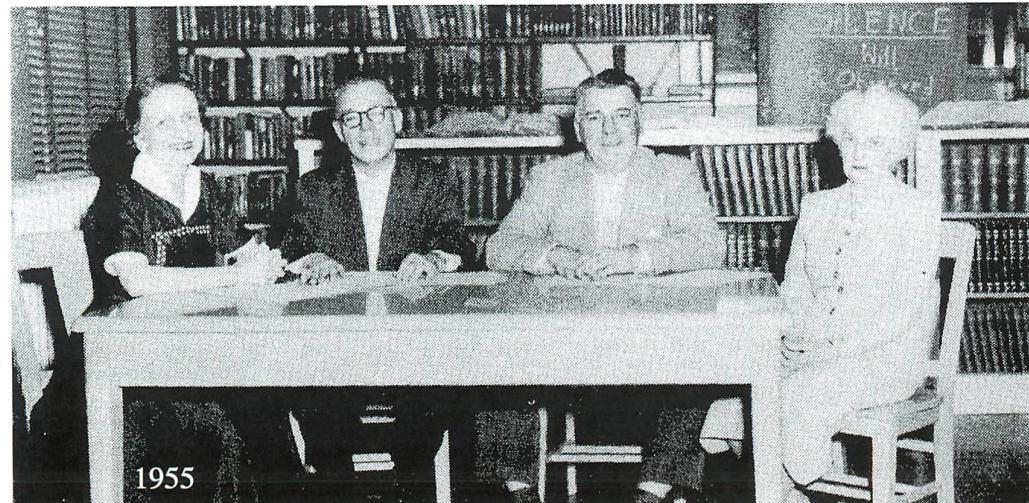
Brother Alfred Marshall was the Director at De La Salle Military Academy following the transfer of Br. Austin Schwab. Earlier in 1954 Br. Alfred, as Vocation Moderator, formed a group of local Brothers' parents into a “Glencoe Club” named after the Motherhouse located in Saint Louis County in a village named Glencoe. At first it was called the Glencoe Club of Greater Kansas City and later changed to the Christian Brothers Vocation Club of Greater Kansas City. Its purpose was rather uncomplicated. It was simply a group of parents of sons who were Christian Brothers who prayed four times a year in parishes on a rotation basis and was followed by a breakfast. Another purpose of the club was to help parents of Novices have contact with more experienced parents, to make adjustments necessary for the support and perseverance of the young Brothers. This was especially important for the mothers.

There were official meetings and secretarial notes were taken. My dad, Fred, and my mother, Mary, were charter members as were Martin & Marie Schutty (Martin was the first President), Bernard & Grace Sullivan, Norman & Anna Coakley, Sr., Lawrence Ishum, Mrs. Robert Henzen, and many, many more.

The club was formed in 1954 and survived into early 2000. Over the years there were very many Brothers moderators including Brs. Bede, Leo Thomas, Leo Frederick Oberrieder, Steven Sullivan and Douglas Hawkins to mention only a few. Aside from the quarterly meetings, this group had one fundraiser a year beyond its own annual dues. Each year they presented a gift to houses of formation such as the Novitiate and Scholasticate. The club survived the closing of De La Salle Academy in 1971.

It would be fairly safe to say that my dad, Fred, was probably the last member to retire and was tireless over the years in his efforts to keep it alive.

by Br. Leo Fred Oberrieder, FSC '47



Fred & Mary Oberrieder



Dates on photos are yearbook dates



1958



1961



1962



1963



1964

Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Chapel Guild

The De La Salle Chapel Guild was organized in the summer of 1950. The Guild was an association of mothers of the alumni and friends of De La Salle who met together and by their activities worked towards promoting the welfare and the ideals of the school. The main objective was to assist the Brothers in furnishing the needs of the chapel in the Brothers' house.

Past Presidents of the Guild have been: Mrs. E. J. O'Malley (1950-51), Mrs. R. T. Barbour (1951-52), Mrs. A. G. Scholz (1952-53), Mrs. Paul Wohletz (1953-55), Mrs. R. I. Anderson (1955-56), Mrs. H. R. Rempe (1956-57), Mrs. Frank McLaughlin (1957-58), Mrs. Martin Schutty (1960-61).

From the 1961 yearbook



Guild Officers: Standing Mrs. A. F. Lynn, Mrs. E. E. Cameron, Mrs. B. C. Deaver, and Mrs. Elmer McCrory.

Seated: Mrs. W. P. Neville, Mrs. Paul Wohletz, Pres., Mrs. R. L. Anderson, Mrs. Helen Mahoney.



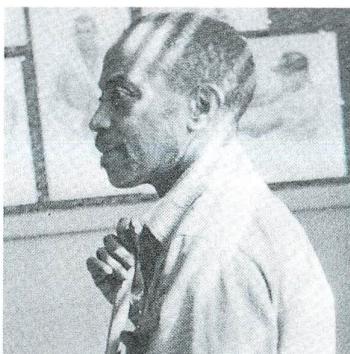
Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Support Staff

Mrs. Dekat



Mrs. Heffernon



Mr. Ward



Albert Golnick

Albert Golnick and his wife came from East Germany in March, 1955. They came to be with their son and daughter who lived in Kansas City. Albert and his wife came from Fsalohn, Germany. Soon after reaching KC, Albert came to De La Salle. This year was his tenth year as janitor at De La Salle. Albert retired this year and returned to Germany.

Albert was a dedicated and hard-working janitor here at DLS. He could always be seen working around the school; replacing a light, doing a repair job on a desk, washing and waxing the floors, trying to keep an old building occupied by 650 boys clean. He could always be seen entering the school early in the morning and staying until late, working diligently. For those of us who happened to be around on a Saturday afternoon, Albert was seen preparing DLS for the fresh onslaught of energetic Titans who always seem to reappear, although perhaps not too joyously on the following Monday morning.

Albert's difficulty with a new language was always good for a laugh from the students and the faculty. That he could not be understood fully by us all lightened our everyday. When his interpreter, Brother Bede, was not around this language difficulty was solved by smiling, work, and intelligence. He could be depended upon to do his job, and do it well.

Farewell: With sentiments of regret we say goodbye to Joe Aschwander who was forced to retire this year because of ill-health. Thanks from all of us Joe for all you've done for De La Salle in over the decade of years you have spent here.



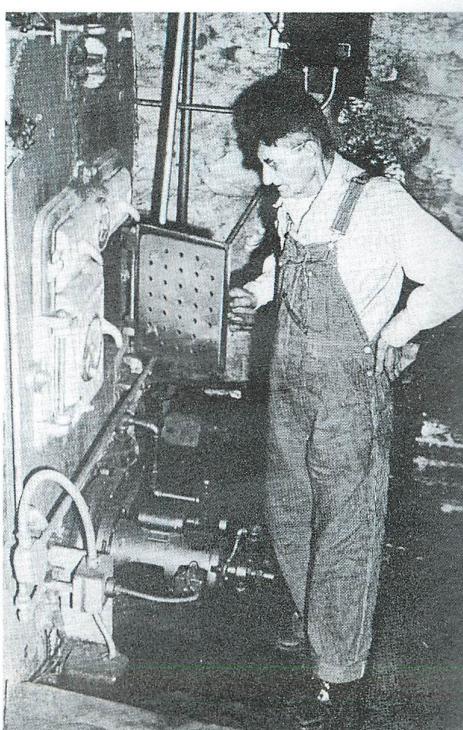
Mrs. Small



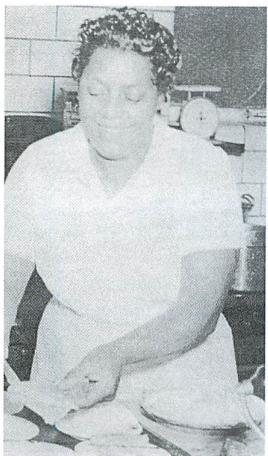
Mrs. Murdock



Mrs. Cowan



Mr. Sullins



Martha



Donnell, our noon-provider.



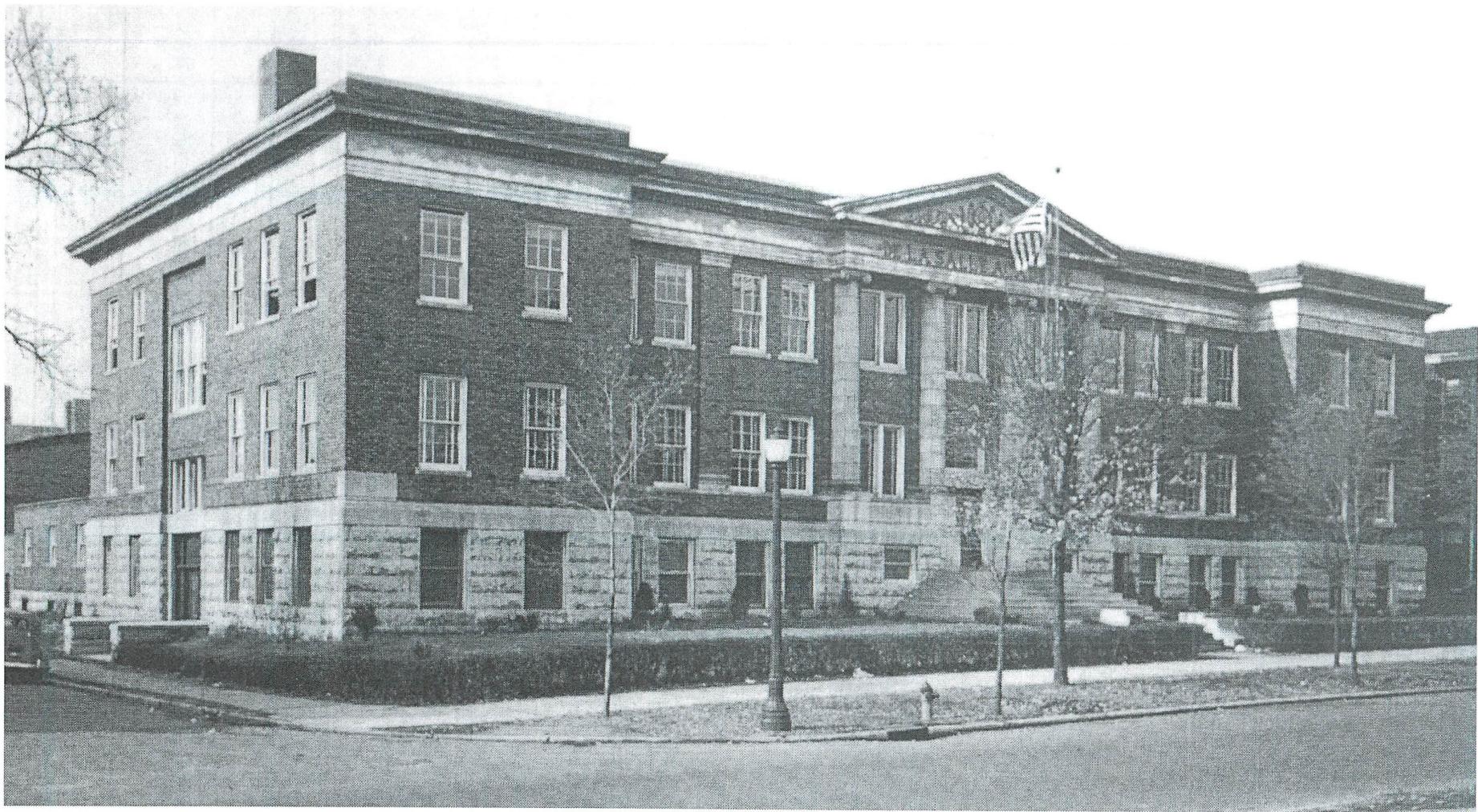
Mr. Sullins



Mrs. Cockrell, School Nurse

End of De La Salle as We Knew It





De La Salle Academy • A History • 1910-2010
1524 Paseo • The End of the Academy

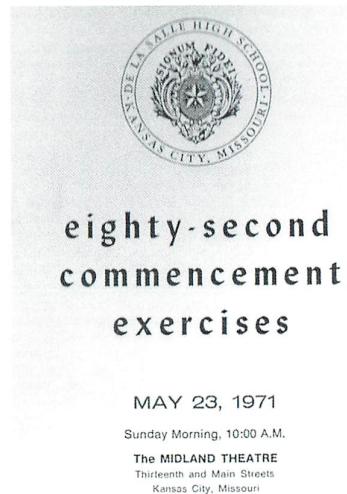
The Last Year— D-Day 1971



... EVERYONE
WAS DIFFERENT ...

1970-71

Br. Theodore Berni
Br. Bernard Brungardt
Br. Jack Cady
Br. James Freihaut
Br. Terry Graney
Br. Laurence Horn
Br. Daniel McCotter
Br. Leo Oberrieder
Br. Louis Rodemann
Br. John Schutty
Br. Mark Sullivan



De La Salle High School

This was not the way I envisioned spending my fifteenth birthday. As a freshman in Brother Louis Rodemann's homeroom class, my classmates and I were not prepared to hear his dreaded words on that day: "De La Salle High School will not open in the fall of 1971."

We were more than stunned. We were crushed. As we sat in anger and disbelief, the wails of our fellow Titans began to fill the corridors as they heard the news. Childhood dreams of attending "D" were suddenly shattered. Our hearts ached for the juniors. They sat crying all day long, zombie-like on the stairs and in the hallways, knowing they would never graduate from our beloved "Big D."

What would I do? Where would I go? That same day, the answer came to me: O'Hara, because the Brothers are there. The door that had abruptly closed became a window to Lasallian spirituality. Although I did not understand it, God had a plan.

My sophomore year of college I joined the Brothers. I spent three years in formation with them before leaving in 1978. I still question that decision to this day. Meanwhile, my father, Paul Smith, a '42 graduate and decorated Marine, spent years involved with the alumni association. My mother, June, would become the first secretary-art teacher-alumni support person at the new De La Salle Education Center. The Lasallian tradition was alive and well.

The Brothers' and my parents' legacy continued to inspire me. After years of foreign missionary work in Venezuela, South America, working with children, I was asked to help care for a Christian Brother who needed assistance in his last days. He had been my spiritual director for some years. I gladly accepted.

From this I began a three-year experience with the Lasallian Volunteers, living with the Brothers and working with persons with mental illness. I still work in this field and live between the two countries.

The Brothers and lay associates have been extraordinarily open to the Holy Spirit and the ever-changing charisma of St. John Baptist de La Salle through education in its many forms. It is easy to remain optimistic about all future ministries.

by David G. Smith in 2006

Dates on photos are yearbook dates

The decision to close the school

In the late 1960s enrollment and revenues were declining. A combination of location and transportation problems along with a lack of consistent income created a serious financial crisis. A major problem was the desire on the part of the School Administration to accept any student who wanted a Brothers' education whether they could pay or not. Many new students could not or would not pay the tuition. There were still some outstanding debts owed to the Diocese that had not been paid off for operating loans and past construction projects. Several attempts were made to increase enrollment and to collect past tuition, but they proved not to be successful. Borrowing more money was not an option.

On March 1, 1970, it was decided by the Provincial Council that the school was not financially viable. It was the unanimous decision of the Council that the school would not reopen in September 1970.

There was a tremendous reaction to the news and great efforts were made to save the school. On March 19, the students and teachers marched more than a mile through a light rain on a chilly day to St. Patrick Church, where the Brothers had first located, to offer prayers for the future of the school. On March 23, The Provincial agreed to keep the school open to see if a comprehensive program could be developed to overcome present indebtedness and to insure the future finances of the school. A committee made up of Diocesan and school personnel was formed, but they were unable to come up with a viable plan.

At the same time the Provincial Council asked the Brothers of the Kansas City Community to vote whether to keep the school open or not and they would take this vote into consideration. This was a common practice of the Brothers at that time. There were fifteen Brothers on the staff. Twelve voted to close the school, one voted for it to remain open, one voted to consider the creation of an Education Center type school and the fifteenth member of the staff abstained from voting. The decision to close the school was made by the Christian Brothers on May 2, 1971.

the Catholic
y - St. Joseph

May 2, 1971

DeLaSalle Legend Comes to an End

Dates on photos are yearbook dates



Christian Brothers'
DE LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL
1524 PASEO
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64108

816-8A 1-1388

April 21, 1971.

Dear Parents and Friends of De La Salle,

De La Salle will not open in September of 1971. Last year the school was threatened with closing and many people came to its aid. However, in spite of such support, the Christian Brothers of the St. Louis Province have been forced to admit that they can no longer afford to keep De La Salle open.

While the Christian Brothers have staffed De La Salle with as many Brothers as possible, even to the detriment of their other schools, there are many factors which make the continuance of De La Salle a financial impossibility.

Enrollment is down for the fifth year in a row, this time by 60 students. Not only does this represent a loss of \$23,100 in income, but this also indicates that the services of De La Salle are desired by a smaller group of Kansas citizens each year.

Diocesan supplements have necessarily been reduced. The school lost \$11,000 of diocesan supplement this year because its students did not qualify on the basis of their support of the diocese and their parishes. The loss will continue next year.

Educational programs for the varied social and economic groups which De La Salle serves are very expensive if they are to be effective. An additional \$30,000 to \$40,000 would have to be added to the already projected total deficit of \$78,000 for next year if the school were to have an effective educational program.

The Brothers felt that it was unfair and unrealistic for the faculty and students to work each year under the fear of raising such large amounts of money. Likewise, it seems highly improbable that a high school could raise such a large amount yearly.

While the Brothers realize that many people feel that De La Salle plays an important role in Kansas City, and that De La Salle's economic and racial mixture is ideal for real education today, the Brothers also realize that they cannot burden the rest of the St. Louis Province with the possibility of a \$100,000 or more deficit if the school would continue for only one more year.

Enrollment is down in the other diocesan high schools in the area. Students from De La Salle can easily be absorbed in other area high schools. These schools will be strengthened by the additional enrollment and perhaps make Catholic education a possibility for a few more years. Those who are interested in having their sons educated in the Christian Brothers' tradition should apply to Archbishop O'Hara High School (9001 James A. Reed Road).

The decision to close De La Salle is in accordance with the published diocesan policy that any school which could not balance its budget for the 1971-72 school year should not open in September of 1971.

De La Salle appreciates the help of the loyal parents, friends and alumni who have come to the aid of the school in the past but finds it impossible to see any way on continuing the work in its present mode.

If such funds were forthcoming, the brothers have expressed a willingness to staff a special school for drop outs on a limited enrollment basis. Such a project would specifically benefit the inner city which De La Salle has been so closely associated with.

A final note to those who have registered at De La Salle next year. Registration fees will be mailed back to those who have paid. A special thanks for their loyal support and confidence. Transcripts of credits will be sent to the schools of the student's choice provided all tuition is paid up.

Sincerely and respectfully yours,

THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS OF THE ST. LOUIS PROVINCE.

Transition to DLS Education Center

When the De La Salle High School closed in May 1971, several laymen and Christian Brothers decided to open a new school in the ashes of the old. In June 1971, Norman O. Sanders, De La Salle Class of 1949, Brother Theodore Berni, and Godfrey S Kobets signed the Certificate of Incorporation to establish the De La Salle Education Center as a Missouri, private, non-sectarian school. As the founder of DeLaSalle, Mr. Kobets spent considerable time raising money for the organization and working with the two cofounders (Norman Sanders and Brother Berni) in establishing by-laws, policies and procedures, and educational practices for the innovative and entrepreneurial program.

The first year of operation was basically spent on piloting the methods developed by the core staff to a small student body, that grew from 15 to over 100 students. This staff included Brother Theodore Berni and Brother James Freihaut, who both worked afternoons at the De La Salle Education Center while teaching at O'Hara High School in the mornings. Brother Theodore also served as principal of the De La Salle Education Center during this period as did layman (and former De La Salle High School teacher, Bill Uporsky). Many of the personnel at De La Salle, including the Brothers, worked on a voluntary basis, or for a basic stipend. The Brothers loaned the Center \$10,000 for start-up support, and later canceled the loan. The Brothers also allowed De La Salle to be part of their medical, retirement and insurance plans for more than 15 years.

In subsequent years, Brothers Louis Rodemann and Douglas Hawkins worked at De La Salle. Until the early 1980s, several brothers served on the Board of Directors. These included Brother Camillus Dufresne and Brother William Rhody. In the early 1990s, the Lasallian Volunteers began helping at the DeLaSalle Education Center (which had reconfigured its name to eliminate spaces in the previous name "De La Salle").

I wouldn't characterize it as a formal break, as what happened in 1982 was Brother Camillus and Brother Willie Rodeman from St. Louis resigned from the DLSEC Board. Then, in 1988, we started working with Brother Willie as he formed the Lasallian Volunteers, so there was only a brief hiatus in our relationship with the Brothers between 1982 and 1988. Since then, we have had a positive and productive relationship.

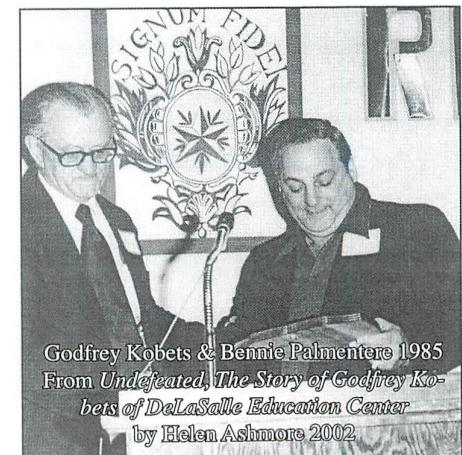
Jim Dougherty, President of DLS Education Center

DLSHS's closing included these factors: the economics of time, large accumulated debt, decreased enrollment, increased tuition. The decision to close was a shared decision with the St. Louis District and the Brothers at DLSHS at the time. The decision for the opening of DLSEC was a joint decision, initiated by Mr. Kobets, Bros. Ted Bernie and Jim Freihaut. Bro. Ted Bernie was the first principal, thereby facilitating continuity of accreditation, etc., from DLSHS. Classes began on a reduced schedule in the fall of 1971, and then full schedule began in the fall of 1972. A number of Brothers taught at DLSEC until 1980. During that interval Brothers were assigned there at their personal request, and those requesting that gradually ended.

Peace, Bro. Louis Rodemann

Kobe called on many DLS alums to help support the Education Center. Jasper Mirabile and his wife hosted many fund raising parties in their home to generate income for the school. Jasper called on individuals in the business community to solicit additional monies that he knew Kobe needed to continue the mission of the Education Center. In addition to providing sources for refreshments at the alumni banquets, Bennie Palmentere helped raise funds for the school. Kobe called on him many times and Bennie never refused to help out.

One of the questions that has been asked over the years is how was the Education Center able to use the DeLaSalle name for their school. Immediately after the transition, Norman Sanders '49, wrote a letter asking the Christian Brothers if they could use the name. A legal document was exchanged between the Christian Brothers Provincial giving the Education Center legal permission to use the name.



Godfrey Kobets & Bennie Palmentere 1985
From *UndeFeated, The Story of Godfrey Kobets of DeLaSalle Education Center*
by Helen Ashmore 2002

Dates on photos are yearbook dates

1971 – 2010

When the Brothers announced the closing of the school in 1971, the question was what would happen to the building that they had built and occupied for 61 years. It was obvious that the Brothers would not continue to use the building in the traditional academic sense, but could it be used in some other Lasallian educational venture? Towards the end of the school year, when it became clear that the Academy would close, there was a discussion, led by Kobets, of establishing some type of an alternative school in the building. His dream was that it would be a tuition-free last chance at an education for boys AND GIRLS who, for one reason or another, could not make it in a standard, or any other, academic setting. As we know he went on with the assistance of several Brothers to found the De La Salle Education Center. But could they use the Academy building?

There were large debts connected to the building and the building itself needed major updating and repair. The new school, envisioned by Kobets and the Brothers, did not have the resources to take on these obligations. Instead, they moved across the street and began the DeLaSalle Education Center in the former Brothers Residence at 1600 Paseo.

After a series of community meetings, the Brothers began communicating and negotiating with the Diocese of Kansas City – St. Joseph. On April 21, 1971, the Christian Brothers announced that they were closing De La Salle. St. Joseph Parish quickly acted to ask permission of the Bishop to buy the building. On August 30, 1971, the Brothers sold the school building and the apartment building to the Diocese for \$225,000. St. Joseph Parish Grade School used the DLS building as its north campus to house sixth through eighth grades. This arrangement lasted until 1989.

In September 1989 a diocesan education task force recommended that the Central City Schools consolidate with the new school to be called St. Monica School. It was to have two campuses. The upper grades (6 – 8) were to be at the former St. Joseph School (De La Salle building) and the primary grades at St. Therese Little Flower School, 58th and Michigan. Due to declining enrollment, the St. Joseph Campus was incorporated into the St. Therese campus in September 1995.

On October 8, 1996, the Diocese sold the DLS school building to Gethsemane Pentecostal Church Independent. The church primarily used the gym for their services. They used some of the classrooms on the first floor for religious educational programs and for church offices. They began renovations of the gym in order to create a religious sanctuary environment. This included removing some of the bleachers and placing carpet on the gym floor.

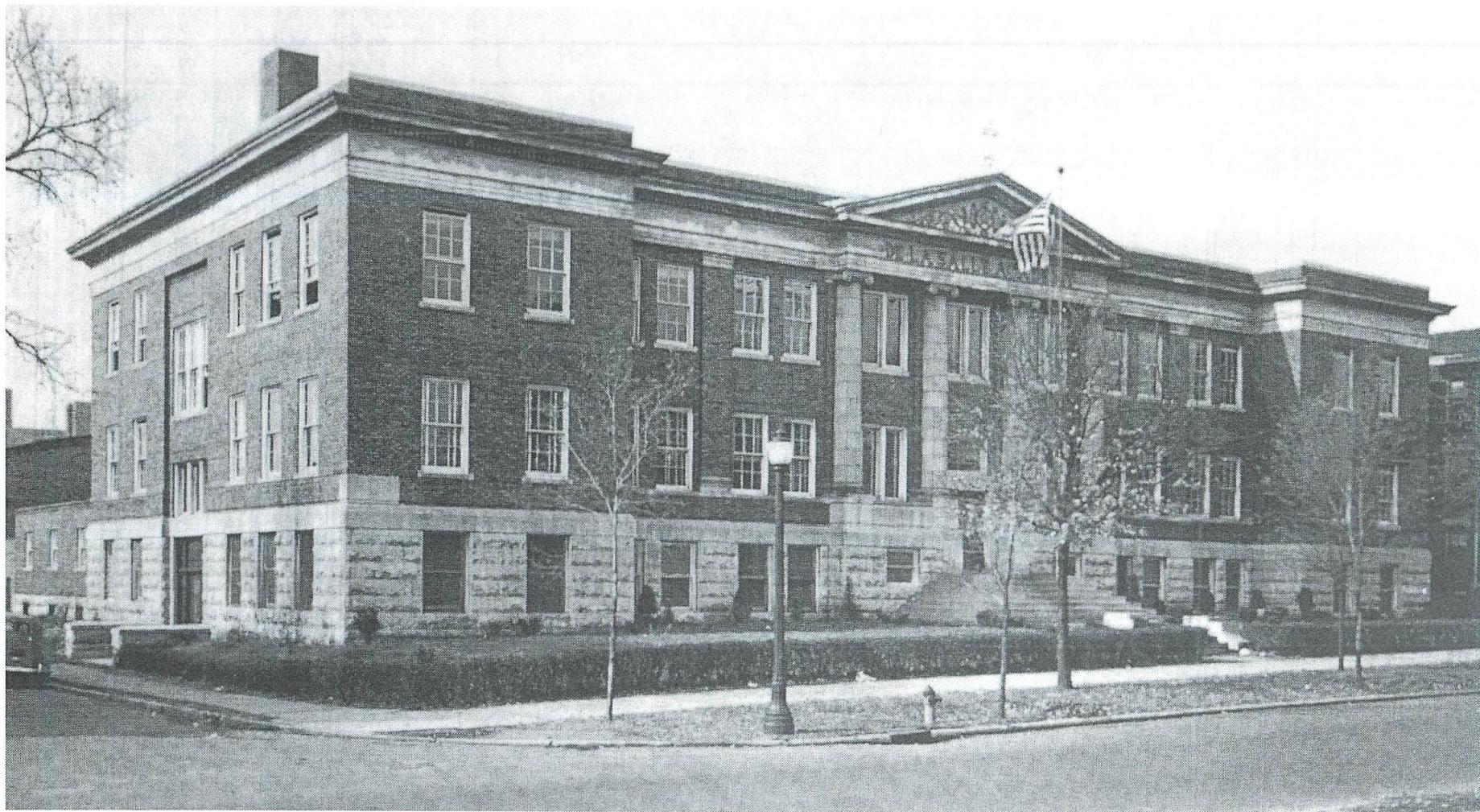
At the time of this sale (October 1996), the Diocese also sold the apartment building to Amoco Oil. This property abutted to Amoco property on the corner of 15th and Paseo.

In 1999 GPCI began to share the building with the Urban Community Leadership Academy, a Missouri Charter School. Increasing enrollment at UCLA forced them to leave the building in 2002 to find larger facilities to meet their educational needs. They also found it difficult to work in a building that shared facilities and costs with GPCI. Two years later, on June 16, 2004, they purchased the building from GPCI.

The Urban Community Leadership Academy is a free public charter Middle School serving students in grades 5-9 who attend school in the Kansas City, Missouri School District. UCLA was founded and developed by several concerned teachers, a local minister, a community activist and responsive parents. The school's sponsor, Central Missouri State University, has granted a five year renewable charter. The Missouri State Board of Education approved the charter. UCLA is located at 1524 Paseo Blvd., Kansas City, MO.

We are very appreciative of the cooperation and encouragement that UCLA has given us as we planned for our alumni to visit the school building following the 2010 Alumni Mass on Saturday, April 10, 2010. The Director of UCLA, Joyce McGautha, welcomes our visit and has cooperated with us in opening the building for our alumni to tour.

Dedicated to
All De La Salle Alumni
Who Have Given
Their Lives in Defense
of Our Country
or for
the Good of Humanity
in Any Pursuit of Peace and Justice



De La Salle Academy • A History • 1910-2010
1524 Paseo • The Spirit of DLS Continues • The Alumni Association

History of Alumni Association

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the De La Salle Alumni Association is to guarantee that those values that were instilled in us by the Christian Brothers will never die:

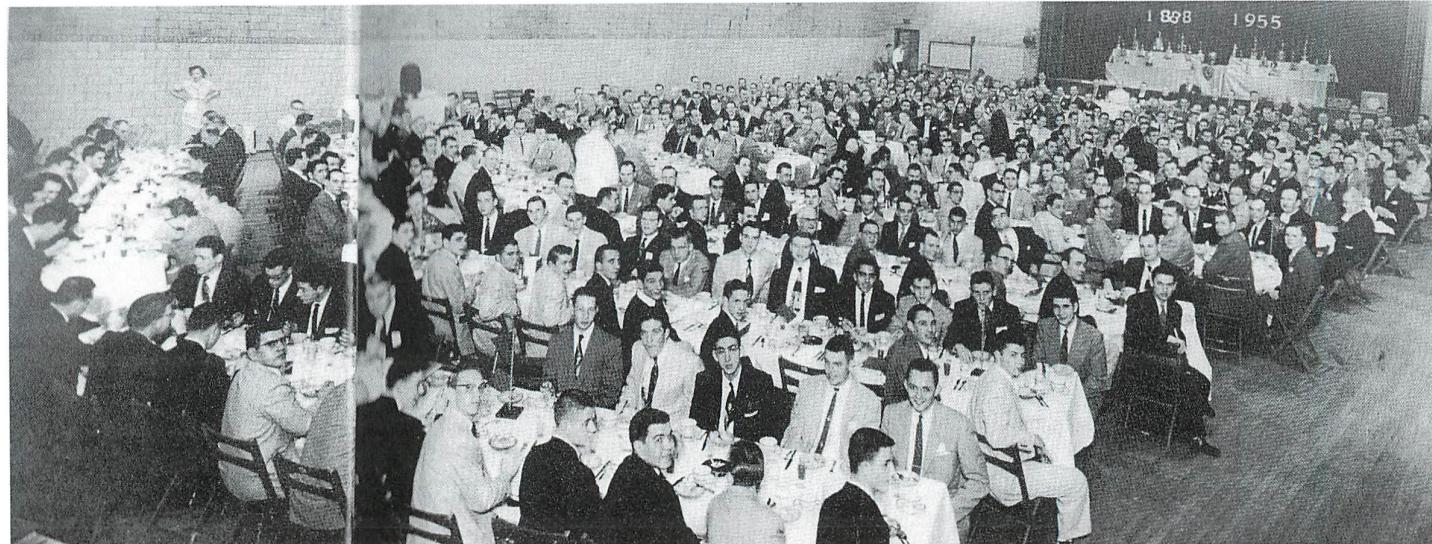
- that we are given a responsibility to carry on the work that the Brothers started in us at 16th & Paseo;
- that caring for others is to be a life-long endeavor;
- that we are charged to see that their work continues in our own lifetime and beyond, just as we are continuing their legacy today;
- that we are commissioned to support the Lasallian tradition through its Kansas City missions;
- that we are to be a vehicle for providing the means to preserve and pass on the teachings and philosophy of St. John Baptist de La Salle.

In the fall of 1954, Brother Bernard Talle was assigned to teach at DLS, Kansas City. He was also assigned to take over the Alumni Association which really had no formal grouping, specific planning or officers. Brother Bernard decided to gather a few energetic alumni to see if an all alumni banquet was feasible. De La Salle was starting a Christian Brothers tradition with alumni banquets for high school. Attending a banquet with older, mature and successful alumni proved to be fascinating and practical for DLS seniors who were also invited to attend. Young alumni could see Brothers, Priests, Monsignors, successful athletes, and well-known businessmen enjoying the evening.

The banquet was held in the gymnasium in 1955 and every year thereafter. Former alumnus, now deceased, Julius Bertoncin, was the principal organizer under the guidance of Brother Bernard. With the help of alumni such as Rusty O'Brien, Ed Mulloy, John Doohan, and Ted Hansen, individuals from each class were chosen to contact class members and encourage them to attend the first annual alumni banquet.

About 400 men attended with each class sitting together, their year printed on a sign at each table. Many alumni expended time and effort toward making those first banquets successful. Among the officers in subsequent years were Ed Mulloy, Tom O'Connor, Marty Funson, and Tom Sheil. Representatives for each decade included Ted Hansen, Charles Dusselier, Don McDonald, and Vic Macek. They helped plan the agenda and encouraged Norm Coakley and Vince Sterner to improve attendance in every class. Jack Massa and Gene Kennedy worked with class representatives.

In 1960 DLS celebrated the 50th anniversary of the school at 16th and Paseo with a special banquet at the Muehlebach Hotel's Grand Ballroom. Alumni, family members, friends, and students attended along with many distinguished guests — Brothers, Priests, Monsignors and the Bishop. Music, entertainment



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

and speeches were part of this celebration.

In 1962 the first alumnus of the year was awarded a plaque that read: "In recognition of your extraordinary leadership, service and loyalty." With a heading of De La Salle Alumnus of the Year and the person's name and year of graduation, the plaque continues in the same size, printing and wording as the original.

A variety of special guests attended each banquet and *Kansas City Star* sports reporters Bill Grigsby, Monty Moore and Bruce Rice served as Master of Ceremonies. Mike McCormack '47, an All-American football player from Kansas University, served as MC at several banquets. He often brought a teammate from KU.

During the early years of the banquets, June Smith and Steve Sullivan did



yeoman's work in keeping the alumni list up to date and putting out mailings with the help of many of June's friends, including Ruth Dekat and Betty Stewart. Kobe had many class representatives meet at the former Brothers' house to help with the banquets and bring the class lists up to date.

Through his friendship with the liquor industry, Bennie Palmentere was able to donate much of the beer and liquor for the cocktail party prior to the banquet each year in the 1960s and early 1970s. Bennie did this for no thanks except from Kobe for whom he would do anything. Beginning in 1975 Kevin Beirsmith '49, who worked for McCormick liquors, donated or had donated all of the liquor for the annual banquet. Bennie continued finding ways to have beer donated. Vic and Mike Macek '50 and their relatives and friends always did the bartending.

Even after DLS closed in 1971, the gymnasium was available for banquets until 1995. Godfrey Kobets' friendship with Mr. Finn, the owner of Finnegan's Hall in North Kansas City, secured us a spot for the banquets after 1995. After one date conflict only, banquets were scheduled on regular dates — the Friday after Easter. Attendance has increased yearly.

Before Kobe died in 1996 he and Brother Bernard Talle talked about the future of the Alumni Association. Kobe knew that his health was failing and he was not sure how much longer he could continue his leadership of the Association. He felt confident in the help and assistance that he was receiving from Norman Sand-



Some Old Timers: Jos. J. Cunningham ('11), John Dougherty ('09), and Beverly Hardisty ('11).

Dates on photos are yearbook dates

ers, Steve Sullivan and others who had worked with him for so many years. Brother Bernard convinced him to consider turning over the control of the association to him. When Kobe died, those mentioned above carried on the association for a few years, but by 1998 Brother Bernard took over the leadership of the Association.

Brother Bernard and Joel Carr formed an Alumni Board of Directors to guide the association. The new leadership and Board continued the successful formula created by Kobe and his faithful friends. Presidents Joel Carr, Jerry Culver, Frank Maschler and John Sheeley have increased the membership and attendance at the alumni Mass and banquets. An alumni newsletter, published three times a year, has increased the communication and involvement in alumni activities and projects.



Br. Bernard & Joel Carr

In addition to the banquets, the celebration of alumni includes an annual Mass the Thursday after Easter and a reception that includes displays of memorabilia. For the most part, the Mass has been at St. John Francis Regis Church and has been celebrated by priest members of the Alumni Association. The reception after the Mass has been held at Archbishop O'Hara High School, the current Christian Brothers school in Kansas City.

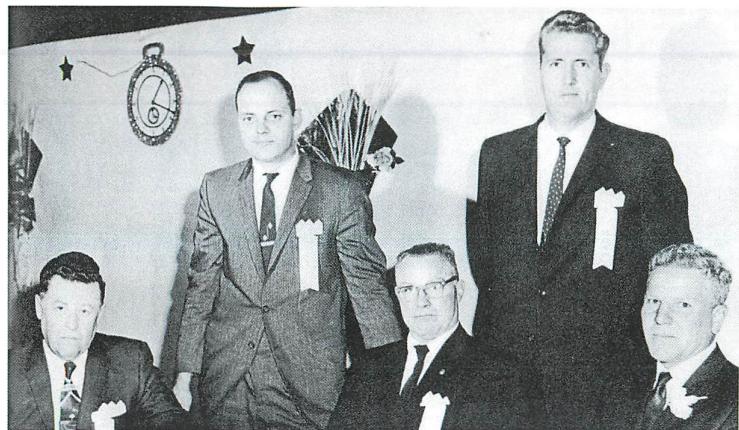
Funds generated from Alumni Association members have created an endowment from which the interest proceeds are donated to Christian Brothers missions in the area and to memorial scholarship funds for students at Archbishop O'Hara High School.

We are grateful and thankful to Kobe and all of the loyal alumni and friends who have made the Alumni Association successful over the years.

by Norm Sanders '49



Dates on photos are yearbook dates



DE LA SALLE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Left to Right: Mr. T. Hansen ('25), First Vice-President; Mr. M. Macek ('51), Secretary; Mr. R. O'Brien ('24), President; Mr. A. McDonald ('42), Treasurer; Mr. C. Ausseller ('36), Second Vice-President.

1961



DE LA SALLE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 1962

LEFT TO RIGHT: Mr. M. Macek, Mr. D. McDonald, Brother Joel, Mr. R. O. Brion, Mr. T. Hansen, Mr. C. Dussellier.



Tom O'Conner, Marty Fuson, Bro. Joel, Joseph Lynch, Jim Rice, J. J. Swanson



De La Salle 1910 Alumni Association 1971 Cavaliers – Cadets – Titans

Dates on photos are yearbook dates



2010 Board of Directors

Seated L - R: Joel Carr '43, Stan Nastav '57, Steve Otto '58, Jack Massa '36, Ernie Wasmer '64; Standing L - R: Jim Roos '54, Ron Tavernaro '57, Ron Enfranca '60, John Sheeley '55, Pat McCowen '56, Jim Fancher '47, Dave Rebori '66, Bob Boland '53, Vic Macek '50, Bob Tavernaro '60, John Delgado '63; Missing from picture: Jerry Culver '50, Frank Maschler '56, Mike Beach '66, Jack Gladbach '51, Joe Kramps '54, Josef Meditz '56, Jerry Schmeltz '46, George Van Compernolle '55, Mike Waters '55

Photo courtesy of Br. Richard Geimer

DLS Alumnus of the Year

When Brother Bernard Talle took over the Alumni Association following Kobe's death in 1996, very few documents on the history and activities of the association were available for a transition team. The transition team, led by Brother Bernard Talle and Joel Carr, established its own projects based upon some of the traditional activities that had gone on before — i.e. Alumni banquets.

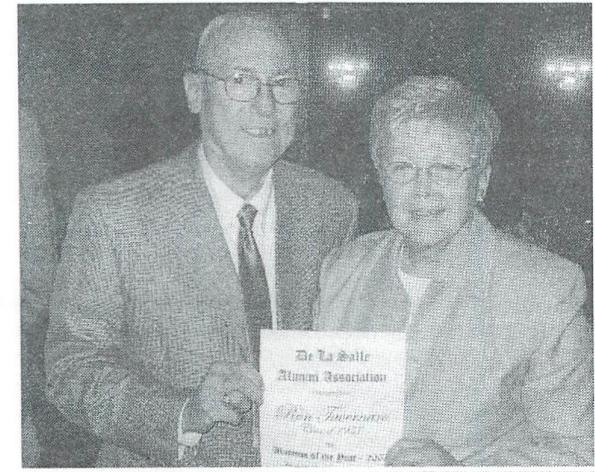
One of these, the Alumnus of the Year Award, has continued to recognize alumni who had contributed to the school and the Alumni Association over the years. Although this award had been awarded for many years, the transition team did not receive a complete list of these recipients. A banquet program from 1969 lists Alumni of the Year from 1963-1968. It is probable that other individuals mentioned in the history of Alumni Banquets were recipients of Alumnus of the Year awards.

Following are lists of the known Alumnus of the Year recipients:

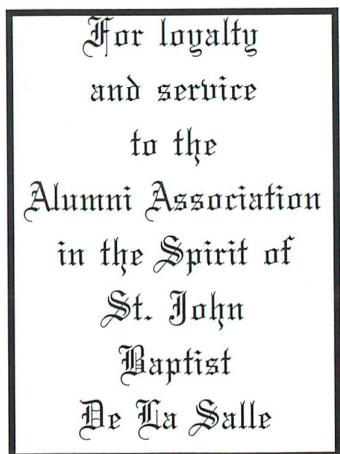
- 1999 Bob Boland '53
- 2000 Chuck Dusselier '36 & Jerry Culver '50
- 2001 Pat McCowen '56 & Jim Fancher '47
- 2002 Jack Gladbach '51 & Joe Baker '52
- 2003 Bill Rollins '53 & Josef Meditz, Jr. '56
- 2004 Frank Maschler '56
- 2005 George Van Compernolle '55 & Chris Seigler '67
- 2006 Jack Massa '36
- 2007 Ron Tavernaro '57
- 2008 Brother Fred Oberrieder '48
- 2009 Frank Franke '59

15th Annual DLS Alumni Banquet

- 1963 Msgr. Thomas B. McDonald, P.A.
- 1964 Hugh B. Downey '19
- 1965 Hugh F. Downey '58
- Br. Bernard Talle '35
- 1966 John Doohan '29
- 1967 Most Rev. Joseph V. Sullivan, STD, '37
- Rev. Robert O'Sullivan, S.J., '27
- 1968 Br. Joel Carr '43
- Thomas O'Connor '38



Ron Tavernaro '57 and his wife Barbara



Jack Massa '36



George
Van Compernolle '55



Chris
Seigler '67



Alumnus of the Year Award presented to **Frank Maschler** (on left) by President **Jerry Culver**. Frank is Class of 1956.

Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Alumni Association Scholarships

One purpose of the De La Salle Alumni Association is to continue the philosophy and tradition of St. John Baptist de La Salle that was given to us by the Brothers. We feel that one of the best ways to perpetuate this Lasallian Tradition is to provide scholarships to Archbishop O'Hara High School which continues this Lasallian Tradition in the Kansas City area. The scholarships began following the death of Brother Bernard Talle in 2004. The Alumni Association wanted to find a way to honor Brother Bernard for his work in helping found and sustain the Alumni Association over the years.

The Brother Bernard Talle Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

The Brother Bernard Talle Memorial Scholarship was established in 2005. It provides for an annual renewable scholarship to an incoming freshman who meets and maintains the criteria established by the Alumni Association. Br. Bernard loved his life as a teaching Brother and spoke fondly of the many students he taught over the years. This scholarship honors the man who founded and meant so much to the Alumni Association.



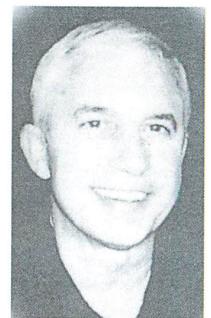
Brother Kevin Stanislaus Mackey Scholarship - \$1,000

The Alumni Board of Directors voted in March 2009 to establish a scholarship to honor the memory of Brother Kevin. Brother Kevin, a principal and teacher at De La Salle Military Academy in the 1940s and 50s, was a humble and spiritual man who had great passion for those in need. It seemed appropriate and fitting to honor Brother Kevin by establishing a scholarship that would enable a student to attend Archbishop O'Hara High School and receive an education in the Lasallian Tradition.



Michael R. Johnson Scholarship - \$500

Following Mike's death in September 2005, his wife, Annette Johnson, established a scholarship in honor of Mike. Mike was a graduate of De La Salle and returned to teach math there in the late 60s. The scholarship is awarded each year to a student who excels in math.



Current Christian Brothers Ministries in Kansas City:

Archbishop O'Hara High School — Br. Richard Geimer, Br. Douglas Hawkins, Br. Chuck Gregor
Holy Family Catholic Worker House — Br. Louis Rodemann
St. Anthony Parish — Pastoral Associate — Br. Jim Krause
Cristo Rey High School — Br. Dale Mooney
Little Sisters of the Poor — Br. Fred Oberreider

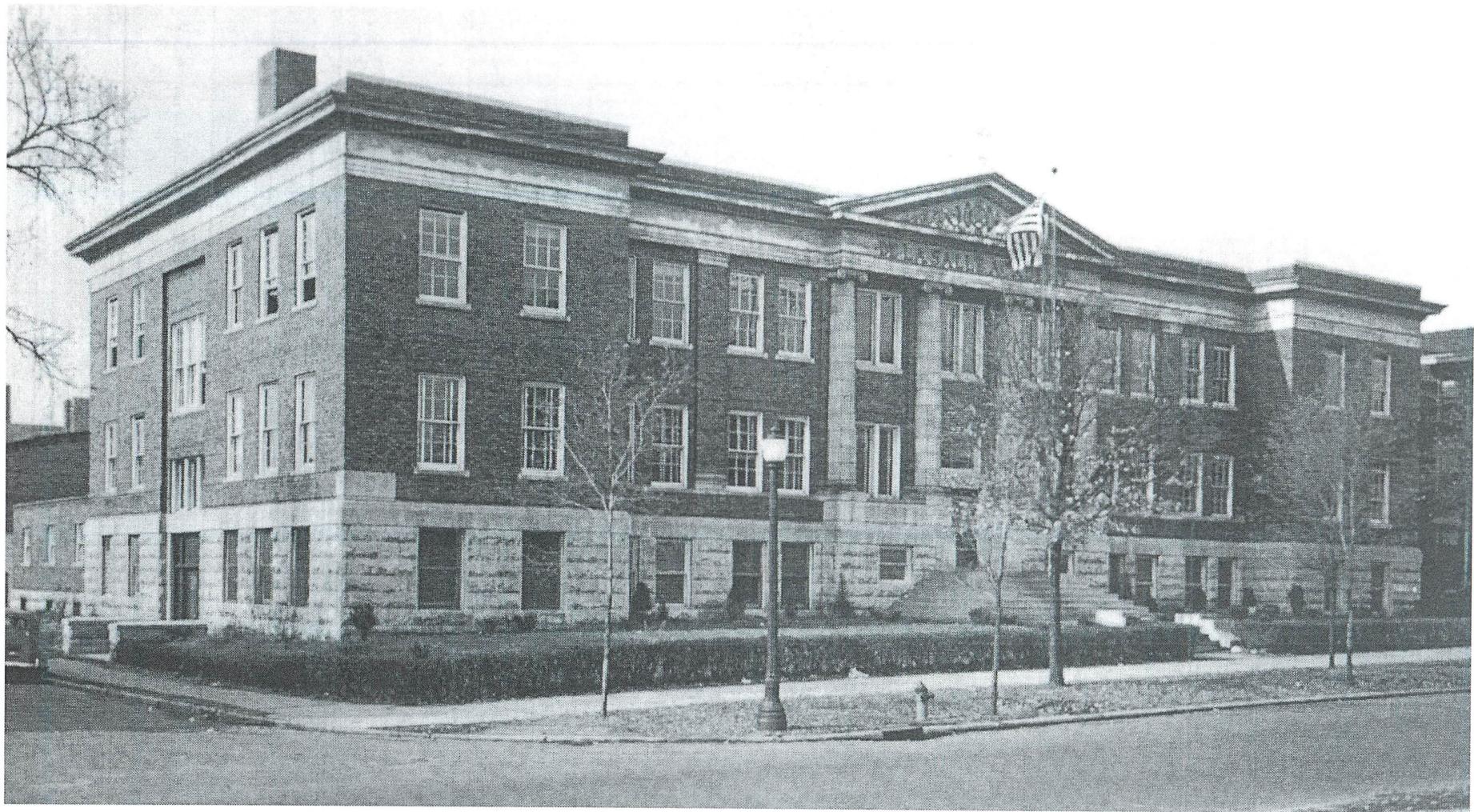
Thanks to our Advertisers for their support on this project!

The generosity of the advertisers listed below made this publication possible. Funds from the ads and sale of the books were used for production costs involved in producing a quality book. The 100th Anniversary Committee and the production staff of *De La Salle Academy • A History • 1910-2010* greatly appreciate your willingness to participate in this endeavor of love for our *Alma Mater*.

Find more memories appearing along with the ads on the following pages.

Allied Refreshment Company	145	Excel Linen Supply	134
Archbishop O'Hara High School	156	Fiorella's Jack Stack Barbecue	144
Belfonte Ice Cream	140	<i>Grandpa Told Me</i> , Joe Baker	137
Berbiglia	143	Hansan, Jack	150
Blast from the Past — the 1950s	155	Honorary Cadets, Br. Pius Kamphefner	131
Block Realtors	141	Jasper's Restaurant Group & Jasper Mirabile's Family	146
Brancato Haggerty & Palmentere L.C.	131	Kostelac Brothers	152
Cascone's Grill	131	Macek Auto Service, Inc.	129
Cascone's Italian Restaurant	135	Mark One Electric	144
Christian Brothers of the Midwest	148	Meditz, Josef & Joe	125
Chubby's on Broadway	142	Merriam Feed Lawn & Garden Center	124
Cirese Memorial	133	Molle Auto Group.com	132
Class of '43 Survivors	134	Necco Coffee	142
Class of '46	136	Northeast Painting Co.	132
Class of '49 Remembers	135	O'Neill Communications	149
Class of '51 Honoring Br. Kevin	147	Palmentere, Bennie	125
Class of '53	138	Palmentere Bros. Cartage Service, Inc.	132
Class of '53 Remembers	139	Passantino Brothers Funeral Home	153
Class of '55	127	Quaff Bar & Grill	141
Class of '56	151	Roma Bakery	130
Cosentino's Price Chopper	126	Scimeca's Italian Sausage Co.	128
County Beverage	135	Sears Brothers	143
Cummings Boys	139	Service Printing & Graphics, Inc.	157
Direct Response Services	124	Spalitto's Pharmacy	140
DKO Associates	157	Van Pelt Family	152
Donaldson	154	W. C. George & Associates, Ltd.	137

Dates on photos are yearbook dates



De La Salle Academy • A History • 1910-2010
1524 Paseo • Advertising & More Memories

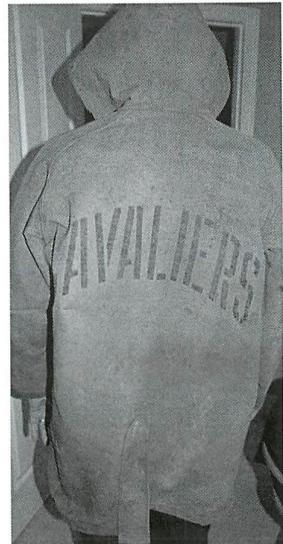
Direct Response Services
*Providing Mailing and Fulfillment Services
to Businesses and Institutions*

**NCOA, CASS, DPV, LACS processing
Pre-sorting, Ink jet addressing, Bar coding
Folding, Inserting, Tabbing, Stamping
Mailing lists and List processing
Hand inserting and Assembly**

*We do the processing and ensure your mail
complies with the ever changing USPS regulations
while you enjoy the Postage discounts!*

4215 NE Port Drive, Lee's Summit, MO 64064-1773
816-795-0763 phone, 816-795-7734 fax

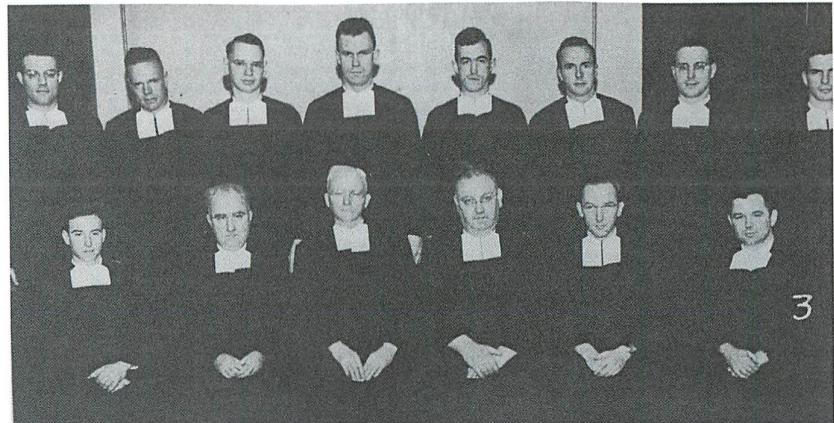
Cavaliers Football Sideline Coat



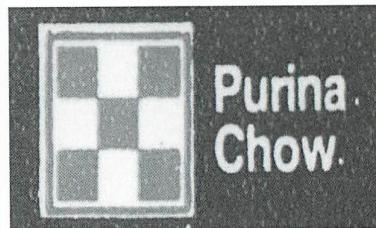
We do not know when they were purchased, but Jerry Culver remembers using them when he was Head Football Coach in the late 1950s and early 1960s. They were made out of canvas and were very heavy but gave excellent protection against wind, rain, snow and cold temperatures.

The name Cavaliers refers to the name of the De La Salle Academy athletic teams in the late 20s and 30s. Very few Cadet and Titan athletes were aware of that name and wondered why they were using sideline coats with a strange name on them.

The sideline coat was donated by George Dusselier '44.



Faculty 1948: Seated: Brothers Jude Thaddeus, James Lewis, Jo-vinian Leo, Gontran Francis, Sub-director; Joseph Walter, Kevin Stanislaus, Director. Standing: Jerome Vincent, Honorius Edward, Hermeus Norman, Hubert Maurelian, Joachim Michael, Hugh Malachy, Leonidas Austin, Lawrence Martin. *Mississippi Vista*



Merriam Feed Lawn & Garden Center

9309 Johnson Drive
Merriam, Kansas 66203
913 711-1033

Vice President

Johnny M. Pieters
Class of 1965

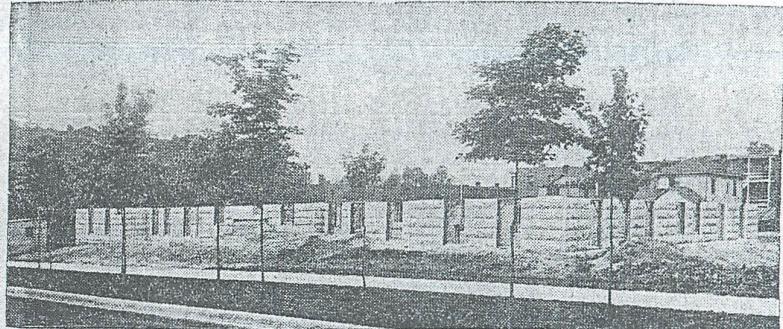


Congratulations, De La Salle,
 on 100 years in Kansas City.
 Joe Meditz, Jr. Class of '56

My father, Joe Meditz, Sr., Class of '25, was 97 in this picture. He so looked forward to the banquet each year. This 2004 banquet was his last. He passed away in October 2004.

Thanks for all you did for the both of us. 2010 will mark my 50th year of continuous teaching in the Kansas City area.

*Cornerstone of De La Salle
 College to Be Laid on
May 30—Bishop Lillis to Act*



*DE LA SALLE COLLEGE, AT SIXTEENTH STREET AND THE PASEO.
 Institution Will Be First Catholic School for the Education of Boys
 to Be Built in Kansas City—Many Catholic Prelates and Devoted
 Members of Church to Be Present.*

I am proud to be a Brothers' Boy!



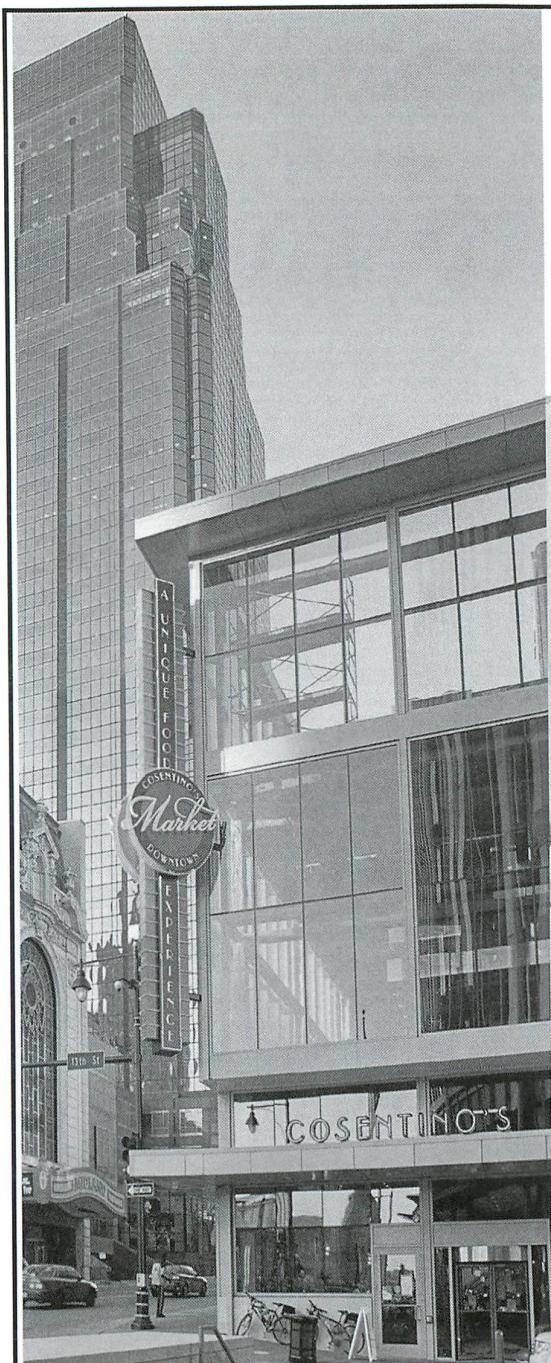
*Saint John Baptist
 De La Salle*



*Bennie Palmentere '52
 Bennie Palmentere Family*

Cosentino's FOOD STORES

Your Local
Family Owned
Grocer Since
1948



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

How did De La Salle become the Titans in 1960?

“As best as I can recall, Jerry Culver and I got together and put in the name “TITANS” as the new DLS nickname/mascot. We chose the colors of Navy Blue and Old Gold as our school colors. Jerry liked the Notre Dame ‘look’. ” Joe Grantham



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Automation Introduced at DLS

This year (1962) the environs of the DLS cafeteria appeared to be quite different. The old lunch line has been replaced by the new and attractive automatic machines.

The new system provided students with a much better variety of food than that of previous years. Machine service is faster and more sanitary. Also, students are able to purchase food before and after school.

This method saves time and work on the part of the school for “Coffee Time” does all the work.

There are eight machines in all: the Hot and Cold Food, Potato Chip, Milk, Soft Drink, Candy, Pastry and Ice Cream.

The Titan
October 26, 1962

This song was found
in one of the play books
– Skidding - 1936

De La Salle

*Words & Music by H. O'Reilly Clint
Detroit Michigan*

Verse

Come whatever kind of weather
When the old gangs get together,
That's the time to think of days gone
by,
Chase your cares and blues away,
Let's be happy. Let's be gay
In our hearts this song will never die.

Chorus

De La Salle – We're rooting for you,
De La Salle – oh, can't you see,
Ev'ry one of us is for you
We'll cheer you on to victory.
Rah! Rah!
To the Gold and to the Purple,
We will pledge our loyalty,
And may the years add but fame
To that grand old name
De La Salle, De La Salle

Before 1942 - When you entered the 16th street entrance just beyond the stairs there was just a wide open space from wall to wall. The only interruptions in this space were the pillars to support the upper floors. An occasional partition was set up for play performances.

After 1942 — The Mothers Club built the cafeteria kitchen, a wall to cover the serving area was constructed and a doorway into the cafeteria was put in place.

The first permanent wall was built in 1942-43 to separate the cafeteria from the Armory.

SCIMECA'S
ITALIAN SAUSAGE CO.

ALL NATURAL

It's A Family Tradition!
The Scimeca Family has been serving Kansas City since 1935
with a Tradition of the Finest Imported Italian and Domestic Foods

1615 E. 8th ST. • KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64106
PHONE: 816-483-7444 • FAX: 816-231-5862

MACEK'S AUTO SERVICE, INC.

6032 Merriam Drive • Merriam, KS 66203

Serving our customers since 1959

Vic, Tim & Cathy Macek
express sincere thanks to the Christian Brothers, Faculty & Class of 1950



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

ROMA

BAKERY



ABOUT US

PRODUCTS

RECIPES

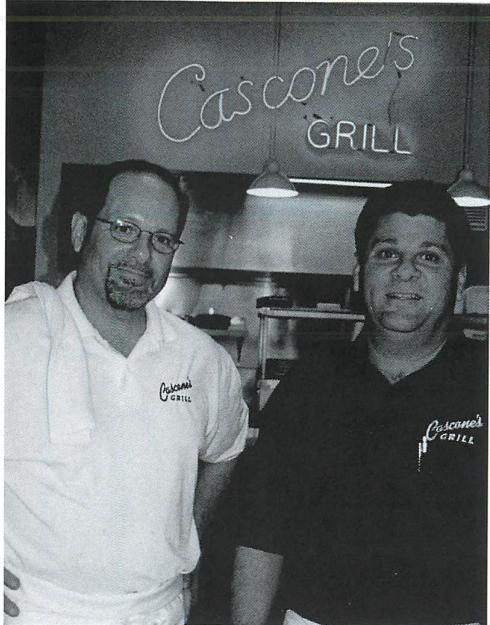
CONTACT US



3351 N.E. Chouteau Tifwy • Kansas City, MO 64117 • phone: (816) 455-8888 • fax: (816) 455-1250



Dates on photos are yearbook dates



Cascone's GRILL

15 East 5th St.
Kansas City, MO
64106
816-471-1018



2023 Holmes Kansas City, MO 64108 (816) 471-1966
TRIAL ATTORNEYS • PERSONAL INJURY • TRAFFIC/DUI



Honoring all
Honorary Cadets
at DLSMA
Especially:
Sister Rose Joseph Kennebeck, O.S.B.
St. Mary Monastery
Rock Island, IL



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Basement Area Cafeteria

Students used the 16th street entrance only. West of the steps, leading up to the first floor, there was a large room in the corner used for sports locker room and showers.

The cafeteria was on the east side of the basement floor. On the west was open space for students at noon, and on special occasions this was used as a quick assembly for all student body (there was no armory, shooting range or AV room). Students would meet by class, one line after the other, obliging the entire student body for short assemblies with a main speaker.

West of the open area was an exit to the outside (near Lydia) before the gym was built. There were two large handball courts and open space for recreation.

The football team used the cafeteria before Friday night games. Each player was served hot tea and two soft boiled eggs before he went to the game.

Tom Derr '43

School day was filled with prayer

Each school day began with a Morning Prayer. The day ended with a dismissal prayer. Usually a Brother led the prayer. In some homerooms the Brother rotated the students to lead the prayer. A unique prayer was the Half Hour Prayer. A student in the class (one who had a watch – not everyone had a watch in those days) was assigned to ring a bell at the half hour. The bell ringer would then say “Let us Remember that we are in the Holy Presence of God” and the class would answer “Live Jesus in Our Hearts Forever.”

We were assigned to eat lunch at the same table everyday. An upperclassman, usually an officer, was assigned to sit with us. I assume he was there to maintain discipline and to see that the table and surrounding area was clean when we finished lunch. The upperclassman led us in the prayer before and after meals.

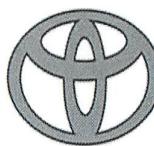
Bob Boland '53



814 Brooklyn Ave.
Kansas City, MO 64124
816-474-8880

Frank A. Martino, Sr.

MolleAutoGroup.com



1-877-GO-MOLLE



**Palmentere Bros.
Cartage Service, Inc.**

joeg@palmenterebros.com

In Memory of Joseph C. Cirese, Jr. Class of '51

In recognition and
appreciation
for the work
and dedication of the
Christian Brothers

Love,
The Cirese and Tuttera Families



Alumni to Present \$25,000 Check To Dolores & Godfrey Kobets

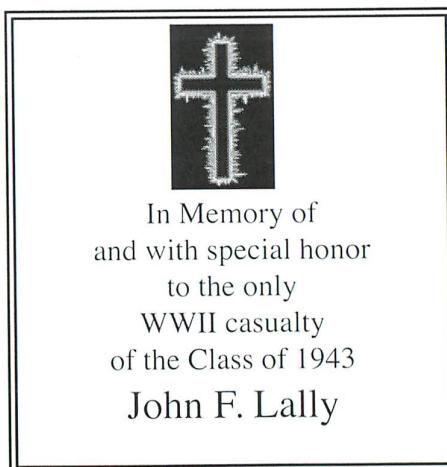
The De La Salle Academy/High School Alumni Association announced at their annual banquet in 1990 the establishment of the Dolores & Godfrey Kobets Fund for the purpose of providing financial support for the Benilde Hall Drug and Alcohol Transitional Living Center operated by the Lay Volunteers of Jean-Baptiste.

Godfrey & Dolores Kobets



Survivors of the Class of 1943

F. Joel Carr
William S. Darling
Thomas U. Derr
Clarence A. Groff
Edward P. Hadel
Alfred R. Hoedl
Leo E. Loschke
William J. Oek'laus
Thomas E. Peretto
Robert T. Sullivan
James L. Wessling



And in Memory of our other deceased class members.

Joe Brancato



EXCEL
LINEN SUPPLY

Since 1931...

The
Joseph
Brancato
Family

2027 Holmes
Kansas City, Mo 64108
816-842-6565

Dates on photos are yearbook dates



Class of 1949

Remembering those
who have passed
and those who continue
to carry on

Wm. Bill McDonald



ITALIAN RESTAURANT

3737 North Oak • Kansas City, Missouri 64116
816-454-7977

www.cascones.com

Dates on photos are yearbook dates

COUNTY BEVERAGE COMPANY

1290 S.E. Hamblen Rd.
Lee's Summit, MO 64081

816-525-4550

Nick Pizzichino
Mike White

*Proud Distributors of the
World's Greatest Family of Beers from Anheuser-Busch.*



First Year of Military 1942-43

To those of you, Classes of 1943, 44, 45, 46, who did not witness or hear about the following, listen up! This is a true story.

Near the end of the 1943 school year, the senior class descended, en masse, on the Cadet Colonel in a classroom and forcibly removed his military trousers, ran out the front door, brought down the American Flag, and ran my trousers up the flag pole. While I waited with anxiety for the return of my trousers, I thought this might become a tradition. I hoped that I wouldn't have to get them myself.

Apparently, Brother Josephus, our principal, let it be known this kind of behavior would not be tolerated, along with the consequences if it ever happened again. Everything turned out OK, and there was no bitterness or animosity among the group or with the Cadet Colonel.

I would publish the names of the individuals who planned the humorous prank but since they are deceased and unable to defend, deny, or implicate others, it is best to bring this story to a close!

Tom Derr '43

Class of 1946

With gratitude

to all the Christian Brothers

who instilled in us principles

of Christ-like living,

especially our senior year advisers:

Brother Edward Duffy, FSC

Brother Michael Walsh, FSC

To honor them:

"Let us always remember that we are in

the holy presence of God..."

In the name of the Father

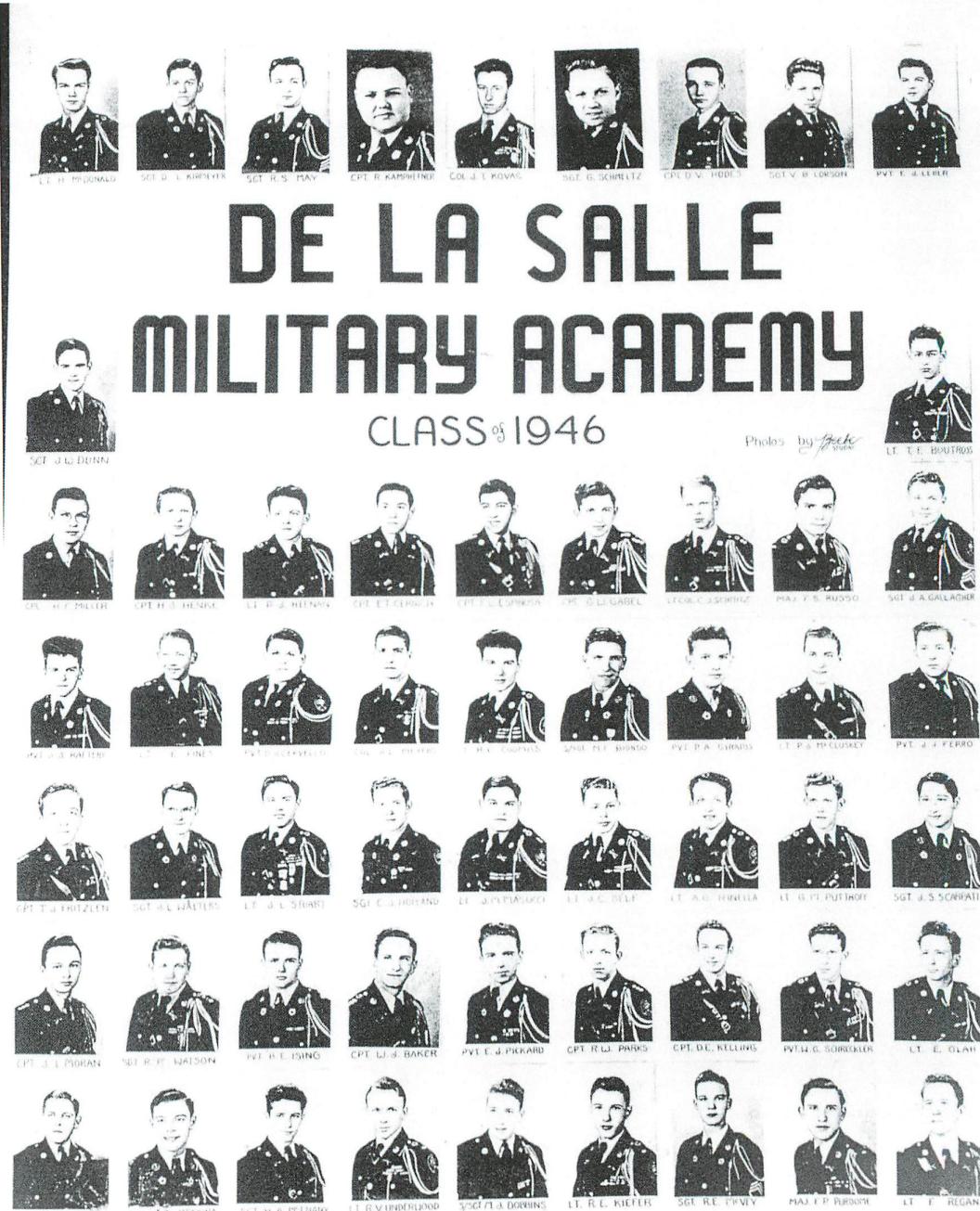
the Son and the Holy Spirit."

St. John Baptist de La Salle, Pray for us!

Live Jesus in our hearts... Forever!

Let's pray for one another and particularly

for our classmates who are deceased.



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

GRANDPA TOLD ME...THINGS YOUR FATHER MEANT TO TELL YOU!



Joe Baker – DLS-KC – '52 has written a book that is

A MUST READ FOR ANY MALE FROM 9 to 90

Best seller in its Fourth edition and now in paperback!

The Perfect Gift for any son, grandson, nephew or male friend. This book is full of no nonsense, down to earth wisdom. Every man – young or old – should own this book!

Price: \$14.95

USA Shipping: 3.00

Total: \$17.95 each

Mention "Brother's Boys" and get **free** shipping within the USA.

Quantity Discounts Available!

Send check to: Joe Baker & Associates, Inc.
539 S. Tennessee Ave., Independence, MO 64053-1134

Grandpa
Told Me...
Things Your Father
Meant to Tell You

Joe Baker

William C. George P.E.
President DLS Class of 1956

Phone 952-935-0444
Cell 612-998-1242

W.C. GEORGE & ASSOCIATES, Ltd.
Engineering & Management
Consultants

12424 James Road
Minnetonka, MN 55343 Email: W.C.Geoger@aol.com

Dates on photos are yearbook dates

The Fabulous Baker Boys

Their father and grandfather were educated by the Christian Brothers. It seemed inevitable that all eight sons of Charles (Class of 1925) and Naomi Baker would attend and graduate from De La Salle Military Academy in Kansas City, Missouri.

After graduation, five of the boys joined three different branches of the military and all returned safely from duty during World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

With the same core values and education taught by the Christian Brothers, the eight young men began successful careers – each in different businesses.

All remained faithful to the Catholic Church and considered their education by the Christian Brothers as the greatest gift from their parents.

Charles – Class of 1943

Bill – Class of 1946

Frank – Class of 1948

Dick – Class of 1950

Joe – Class of 1952

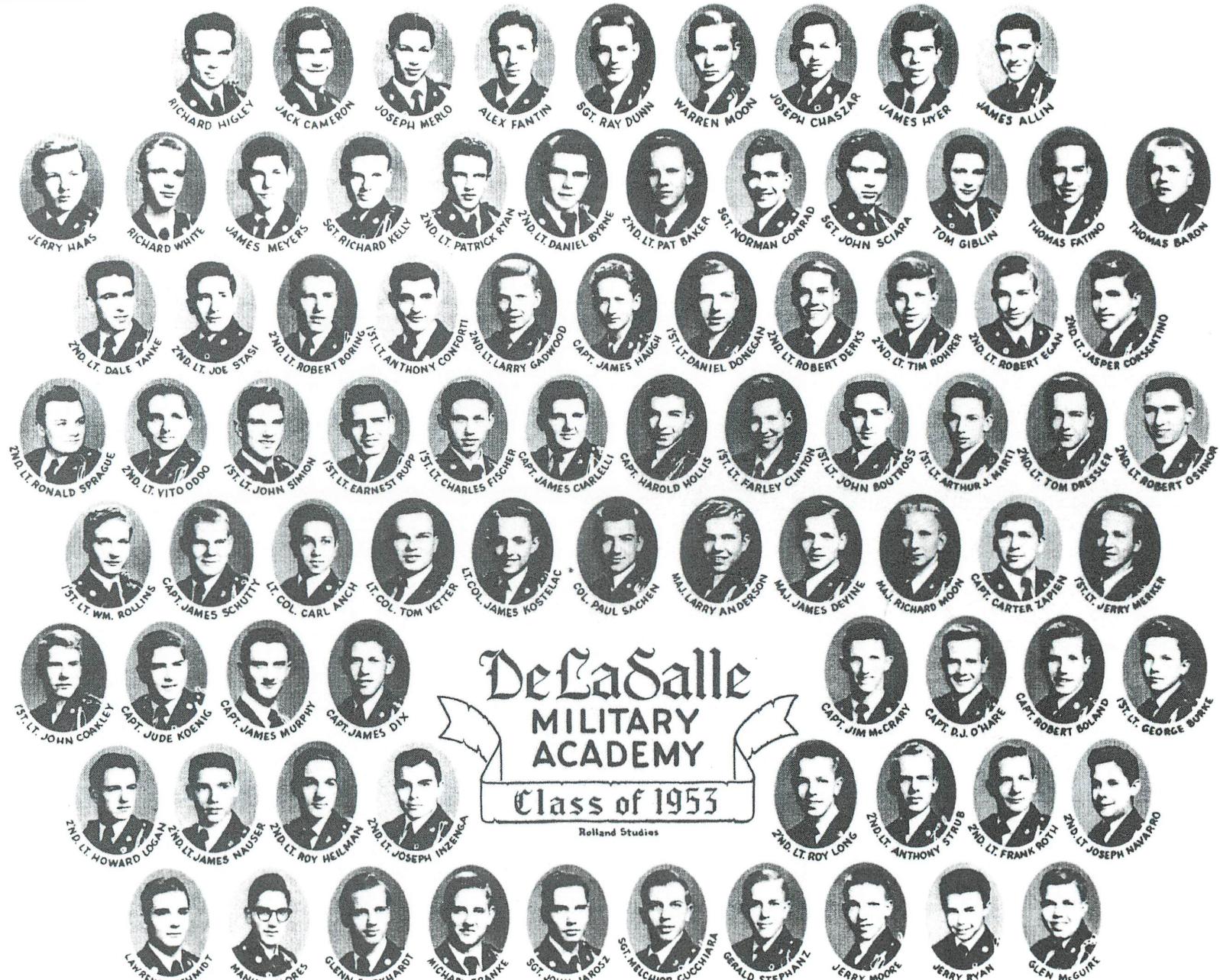
Pat – Class of 1953

Dan – Class of 1956

Paul – Class of 1958



Brother L. Austin Makowski, FSC, (1912-1999) a Christian Brother for 69 years, spent his life and efforts educating young people in several Midwestern states. Twenty-five of those years benefited students of Kansas City/St. Joseph area schools at De La Salle Academy, Christian Brothers High School in St. Joseph, MO, and Archbishop O'Hara High School. Even to the last months of his 87 years, he remained committed to assisting students in study hall and library. His workmanship in maintaining school facilities is legendary.

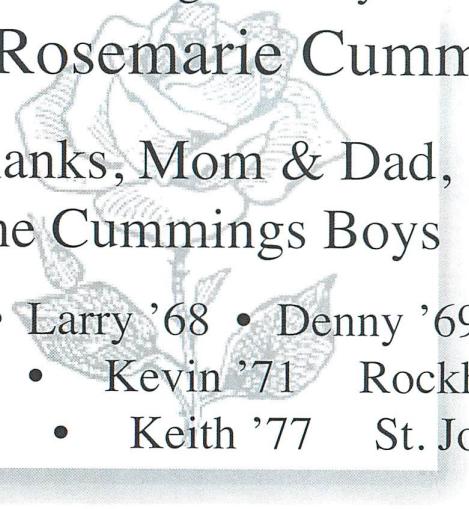


In Loving Memory

Bob & Rosemarie Cummings

Thanks, Mom & Dad,
The Cummings Boys

Craig '66 • Larry '68 • Denny '69 DLS
Kit '71 • Kevin '71 Rockhurst
Rick '73 • Keith '77 St. John's



Gala Autumnal Alumni Junket A Prelude to Brown Jug Battle

The most exciting and colorful rivalry in the Kansas City area will be given full vent on Rockhurst's Burke Field on October 29. At that time the sensational De La Salle Titans will meet the Rockhurst Hawklets for the 39th annual "Brown Jug" contest.

To ensure that everyone has an opportunity to celebrate the game weekend in a manner befitting the traditions of this rivalry, Br. Joel Carr, alumni moderator, will throw a gala Fall Dance on the eve of the big game. The dance, the first ever to be held during the autumnal season, promises to be one of the most sparkling events on this year's social calendar.

from *DLS Alumni News*, October 1961

Class of 1953 remembers

Gone but not forgotten

Robert "Bob" Boring

Jim Ciarletti

Norman Conrad

James Dix

Alex Fantin

Michael Franke

Larry Gadwood

Tom Giblin

Richard Highley

Harold Hollis

Joseph Inzenga

Jim Kostelac

Arthur "A. J." Marti

Glen McGuire

Warren Moon

Paul Sachen

John Sciara

Donald Sprague

Dale Tanke

Philip White

Richard White

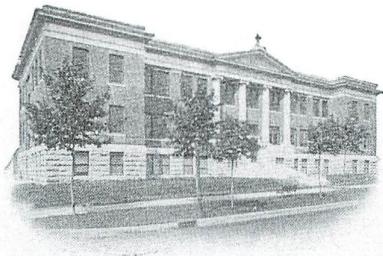
Chris Zapien

We have not been able to locate three of our classmates. It is possible that they are deceased. We would like to mention them here.

Glen Burkhardt

Robert Egan

Roy Long



De La Salle Academy

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

THE HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

Conducted by

THE BROTHERS OF THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

(Specialists in Boyology)

Diploma admits to Missouri University and Associated Colleges

— COURSES IN —

Religion, Language, Mathematics, Social Science, Natural and Physical Science, Business, and Manual Arts leading towards careers in medicine, engineering, dentistry, law, pharmacy, and commerce.

1524 PASEO

Phone VICTOR 5509

1941 Student Recruitment Ad

Call & compare our prices to those you are now paying.



Anthony Spalitto '54

SPALITTO'S PHARMACY

Free Pick up & delivery

3801 Independence Ave. • 816-231-4717

Have your doctor call Spalitto's. It pays to know your pharmacist

Peter Spalitto R.Ph. Robert Giamalvo R.Ph.
Registered pharmacist on duty at all times.

BELFONTE

At Home in Kansas City!

Introducing...

Mama's Choice premium ice cream!
You'll love our new line of exciting flavors approved by Mama B.I.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Mama's Choice

BELFONTE

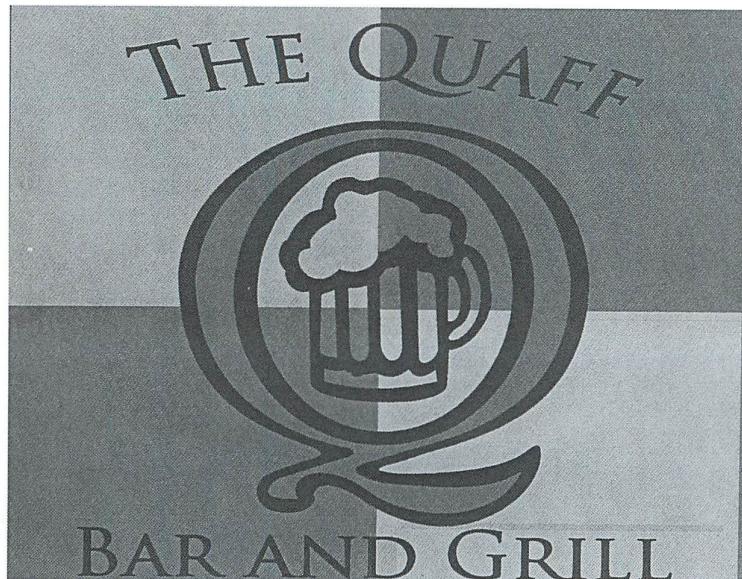
Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Debaters



First Row: James A. Baker, Albert J. Sheahon, James R. Martin, William C. VanBuskirk, John C. VanBuskirk.
Second Row: James R. Hartnett, Brother H. Gerard, Vincent A. Kenny.

Debate Squad Record: Non-decision debates, 17; decision, 14; won, 6. Opponents—Blue Springs, Missouri; Lexington, Missouri; Concordia, Missouri; Rockhurst High School, K. C.; Central High, K. C.; Manual High, K. C.; Christian Brothers, St. Joseph, Missouri; Cathedral High, Duluth, Minnesota; Cretin High, St. Paul, Minnesota; Pio Nono, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Edgewood, Madison, Wisconsin; Christian Brothers, St. Louis, Missouri.



The Official Neighborhood Tavern on Quality Hill for Over 50 years
1010 Broadway, Kansas City, MO • Phone 816-842-4745 • Dine In or Carry Out

The strength and success of an institution is measured by the legacy that continues on through the lives of those who came through its doors.

Block & Company, Inc., Realtors
is proud to recognize
DE LA SALLE ACADEMY
on its 100 year Anniversary.

Since opening our doors 65 years ago, Block & Company, a leader in Kansas City commercial real estate, continues to change the face of commercial real estate in Kansas City and throughout the Midwest.



BLOCK & COMPANY, INC., Realtors
In the Skelly Building on the Country Club Plaza - 605 West 47th Street, Suite 200, Kansas City, Missouri 64112
816.753.6000

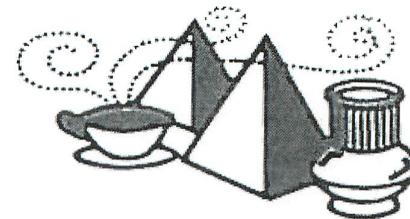
Excerpts from a History
of DLS Academy to 1926

1910 — DLS Academy, Paseo and 16th St., opened in September 1910. Students marched from the Cathedral School to the new site located on one of Kansas City's beautiful boulevards.

1912 — The Brothers held their first graduating exercises since leaving the old Cathedral School, and a notable class it was that the new institution turned out, including the following gentlemen who have since done much to reflect glory upon the school and to spread the good odor of Christ among their fellowmen: Rev. J.J. McCaffrey, Rev. Gerald Stack; Dr. S.J. Stadler, and KCK district attorney George West.

1921 — Brother Director and Brother Sub-Director served the Bishop's Mass on All Saints Day. At this Mass were present the French Field Marshall, Foch, the Generalissimo of the Italians, the Belgian Marshall and the Admiral of the British Navy.

1923 — This year's play was received with great enthusiasm and was pronounced by the press and the public as the best performance ever held in Kansas City dramatic circles.



**NECCO
COFFEE**

K.C.'S BEVERAGE SPECIALIST



The Original
Chubru's
ON Broadway

THE LABRUZZO'S ARE BACK

**SERVING BREAKFAST 24 HOURS
OLD FASHIONED SHAKES, MALTS & FLOATS
BURGERS & MORE**

**3756 BROADWAY
816.931.2482**

Anthony Simone

1001 E. 11th Street
Kansas City, MO 64106
816-842-1684
Fax 816-842-5112
www.neccocoffee.com

De La Salle Alumni



Joseph J. Sears
Class of 1950
&
Thomas G. Sears
Class of 1952



BERDIGHIA
BERDIGHIA
KANSAS CITY'S WINE CELLAR



John P. Sutherland '38 and his wife Virginia left \$1.1 million gift to the remaining Christian Brothers high school in Kansas City, Archbishop O'Hara High School, in 2000.

After graduating from De La Salle, John entered the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri at Columbia, receiving degrees in 1947 and 1948. A tour of duty in World War II had interrupted his studies.

In 1952 John became associated with *U.S. News and World Report*, covering political events through the 50s, 60s and 70s. He reported on the White House from 1952 until 1974 and accompanied six presidents to 60 countries. He also authored a book, *Men of Waterloo*. Later he was associate editor of *U.S. News Washington Newsletter* and received the Journalism Excellence Award of the National Press Foundation in 1977.

John died in 1988, his wife Virginia died in 1998. His admiration for the Brothers lives on in his bequest to their school.



JE Dunn Headquarters



Mark One
Electric Company, Inc.
The Mark of Electrical Excellence

Commercial . Industrial . Design/Build . Data Comm . Utility . Prime

909 Troost Ave., KCMO 64106 3236 N. 7th St., KCKS 66115 816.842.7023 Fax: 816.842.8955 www.markone.com



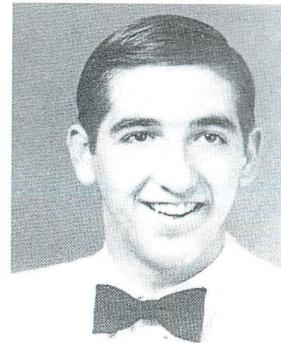
Dates on photos are yearbook dates



*Larry
Strada '63*



*Allied
Refreshment
Company*



*John
Strada '70*

Full-Line Vending Services

5001 E. 27th Street • Kansas City, MO 64127

816-921-5359 • fax 816-921-3577 • alliedrefreshment@sbcglobal.net

In Memory of Larry Strada, Class of 1963
*From brother John Strada, Class of 1970,
nieces Cristina & Sophia,
& nephews Joe, Johnny & Vince*



Congratulations to De La Salle from Jasper's Restaurant Group & Jasper Mirabile's Family

Jasper's

*Marco Polo's
Italian Market*

1201 West 103rd Street
Kansas City, MO 64114-4512
(816) 941-6600 • www.jasperskc.com

Brother Brendan Charles (Martin Fahey) 1864-1945

Martin Fahey was born on March 26, 1864, in St. Louis and was baptized in the Old Cathedral. Martin attended Annunciation Elementary School and Christian Brothers Academy in St. Louis. He joined the Brothers when he was 21 on January 8, 1885, entering the Novitiate at Amawalk, NY. There he received the habit of the Brothers and the religious name of **Brother Brendan Charles**.

His first assignment in 1886 took him to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he remained until 1891 when he was assigned to the Old Cathedral Commercial Academy in Kansas City. He spent almost 20 years of his religious life in Kansas City, 12 as Director. Brother Brendan built the De La Salle Academy on the Paseo and was named its first Director. He often "worked with his own hands along-side the construction men as they built De La Salle."

He was named Director in Kansas City in 1899. After a brief year in Minneapolis in 1911 he returned to his beloved Kansas City in 1912. After holding a variety of positions in Christian Brothers schools throughout the country, he died in 1945 at 81, having been a De La Salle Christian Brother for 60 years, celebrating his diamond jubilee shortly before his death. He is buried in Glencoe, MO.



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Brother Kevin Mackey

1915-2008



May he live forever in our hearts.
Class of 1951



The Christian Brothers of the Midwest

Are honored to commemorate
the Centennial anniversary of

De La Salle Academy

We are grateful for the dedicated alumni who keep the De La Salle spirit alive.



Brother Pius Kamphefner, FSC
Class of 1946

We recognize with pride two
alumni who are also Christian
Brothers and who continue to
serve others through ministry.



Brother Leo Fred Oberrieder, FSC
Class of 1948

The Christian Brothers of the Midwest / 7650 South County Line Road / Burr Ridge IL 60527 / 630-323-3725



Do you recognize this store?

This grocery store stood on the southwest corner of 16th & Lydia, across from the gym. Many students bought snacks after school and many athletes stopped by before and after practice to get nourishment.

Night School Part of War Program

The night school course had its inception as part of the "De La Salle at War" program. The course comprises a review in mathematics and physics, elementary air navigation, and meteorology. The aim is to prepare aspirants to the flying arm of our various forces before they are actually called for regular training. It is a foundation course and is not meant to take the place of the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps training. Brother Leander holds C.A.A. ground instructor's certificate.

The enrollment totals about 18. All are graduates of high schools in Kansas City, most of them being De La Salle boys. No undergraduate students are admitted to the course because of the conflict which would ensue with their regular studies. A class for them is being conducted by Brother H. Walter during the regular school day.

from *The Cavalier*, November 16, 1942

"Remember the Titans" 1971

Paul Allegri	Aloysius Denzer	James Keeting	Crispin Rea
John Armilio	John DeSoto	Douglas Kelton	Dan Reardon
Mark Austin	Carl Distefano	Mike Lalumia	Joe Rutherford
Byron Baker Jr.,	Garrett Donaldson	Tim LaMartina	Pat Rice
John Biagioli	Richard Drummond	Ed Layton	Henry Rizzo
Tom Bishop	Marty Eimer	Joe Lobb	Dave Roberts
Bill Blanck Jr.	Gary Eager	Ron Lopez	James Robinson
John Bridges	George Ellis	Keith Ludwig	Charles Rogers
Dave Brogan	Ron Fakoury	Mike Ludwig	Lupe Roybal
Richard Brown	Brett Ferguson	Greg Mancuso	Jim Ruhlman
Dave Burke	Mark Fonseca	Patrick McConaughey	Jeff Schmeltz
Arnell Burnett	Joe Garcia	Doug Mescher	Steve Schmitz
Frankie Butler	John Gill	Dave Messbarker	Kevin Sheehy
Sammy Cangelose	Brian Givens	Anthony Messina	Paul Smith
Joe Cervello	Gilbert Gomen	Mark Moore	Bruce Stiles
Michael Cierpiot	Al Gomez	George Morales Jr.	Leonardo Strothers
Pete Cipolla	James Gregg	Pat Mulloy	Bernard Swanner
Larry Cisneros	John Grimes	Tim Mulloy	Mike Swope
George Colwell	Tom Grisafe	Walton Mulloy Jr.	Chris Urnica
Pat Connell	Dan Haake	Dave Nesbitt	Chris Waechter
Floyd Conrick	Kevin Harrington	Doug Nesbitt	Phil Wall
Ron Craddolph	Ralph Hayes	Tim Noonan	Robert Warden
Bob Curran	Richard Herring	Steve O'Brien	Daniel Ware
Joe Cusamano	Patrick Huke	Pat O'Neill	Larry Wells
Byron Davis Jr.	Martin Johnson	Michael Parisi	Maurice West
Tom Davis	Leroy Jones Jr.	Don Payton Jr.	Marvin Whitley
Frank DeMarea	Mark Jones	Louie Petit	Anthony Zicarelli

O'Neill
Communications
Public Relations • Marketing

My sincere thanks and deep appreciation goes out to all the Christian Brothers who contributed so much toward my education and personal development.



Cadet Major Jack Hansan, Class of 1947



John E. (Jack) Hansan, Ph.D., McLean, VA 2010

Apartment Buildings Make Way for Gymnasium

When the decision was made to have the gym parallel 16th street and face Lydia it was necessary to purchase three, 3-story apartment buildings on the northeast corner of 16th & Lydia.

In April 1941 De La Salle Academy purchased the two buildings facing 16th Street from Howard and Pauline Miller and the one building facing Lydia from Ida Freeman.

The apartment buildings were razed in May so they could begin building the gym immediately.



Dates on photos are yearbook dates



“The Class that *always* shows up”

Dates on photos are yearbook dates

JMJ

We are a Lasallian Family

Kenneth W. Van Pelt, DLS '55

Theresa Van Pelt (Sadecki), Loretto '54
Honorary Cadet, Lt. Col. '54

Kenneth M. Van Pelt, O'Hara '80

Paige Van Pelt (Potter), O'Hara '80

Frank D. Van Pelt, O'Hara '82

Marci Van Pelt (Searing)

Mary Theresa Ostrander (Van Pelt), O'Hara '84

Timothy J. Ostrander, O'Hara '84

Mary Kathleen Herrington (Van Pelt), O'Hara '86

James M. Herrington, O'Hara '84

John A. Van Pelt, O'Hara '88

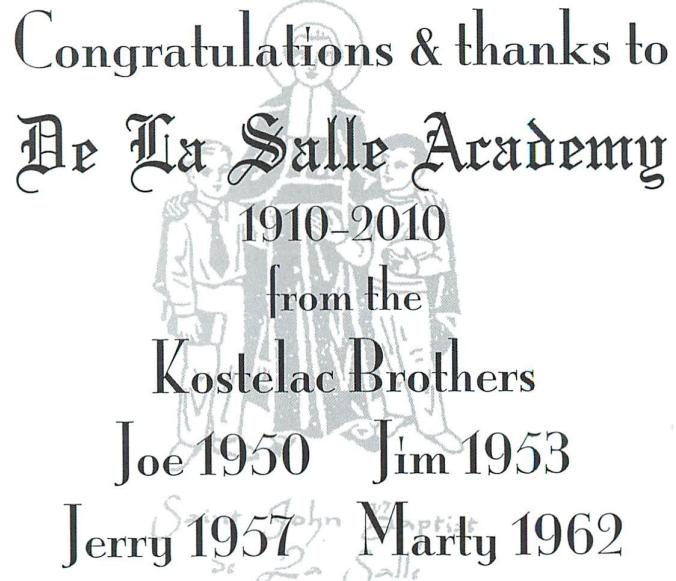
Mary S. Van Pelt (Rich)

Congratulations, Thank You and God's Blessings
to the Christian Brothers, and the "Brothers'
Boys" who endeavor to make a difference in the
Lasallian Spirit of St. John Baptist de La Salle
"Live, Jesus, in our hearts forever"

Epidemic Impacts De La Salle

In 1918, which marks the end of World War I, a searing epidemic of Spanish Influenza swept the country. Its effects reached even into the schools of Kansas City and they were finally closed by order of the Board of Health. This epidemic claimed one victim from among the Brothers - Brother Hugh Martin. His funeral Mass was held in the Brothers Chapel, as the remains were forbidden a journey to a church. With the Brothers of the Academy and representatives of the teaching communities of Sisters of the Diocese, muffled in winter clothing to withstand the low temperatures occasioned by wide-open windows, Bishop Lillis presided at the Mass. All of the expenses of the funeral were borne by a benefactor of the Brothers, a Mr. John O'Donnell.

The twelve weeks of enforced vacation were made up when the epidemic was over by eliminating all holidays, save Christmas and New Year's Day, and teaching six days a week.





Passantino Bros. Funeral Home

Family Owned & Operated Since 1930

*Burial & Cremation Services
Pre-Arranged Funeral Planning Available*

(816) 471-2844

www.passantinobros.com

2117 Independence Boulevard • Kansas City, Missouri 64124



DLS Faculty 1962-63: Bottom row: Brothers James Lewis, John Victorian, Imilian Norbert (Director), Julius Herbert, Hector Vincent, Joel Solomon; Second row: Louis of Mary, Joel Anthony, Bede Columban, Joseph Barry, Julianus Bernard, Kevin Mark; Top row: Joseph De La Salle, Jerome Emilian, Harold Victor, Jude Emery, Jerome of Mary.

What was the upper locker room used for before 1941?

The area known as the upper locker room was part of the original construction in 1910. We know that a door was added to the upper locker room from the corridor to the gym when the gym was built in 1941. We know that school athletic teams used the upper locker room from 1941 until the new locker rooms were built in 1954. But what was the upper locker room area used for before 1941? It was a mystery until just recently.

Three alumni of the late 1930s – 1940s remembered that the upper locker room area was used for science classes — one year chemistry and the next year physics. But how did they reach this area?

As you enter the 16th Street door there is a doorway on the left before the open area that leads to the cafeteria. From 1910 to 1941 that doorway led to a stairway to the upper locker room area that was used by the science department. In 1941, when the gym was built, this stairway to the upper locker room area was sealed off. It is visible today behind a brick wall. If you take the steps down to the boiler room you can see the concrete steps still ascending to the upper locker room.

Through that same doorway that led to the stairway to the upper locker room area there was a room to the left that housed the showers and rest rooms used by the athletic teams. After 1941 when the athletic teams began using the upper locker room and a door to that room was opened from the corridor to the gym, the coaches began to use the former shower room for an office. The coaches continued to use this office from 1941 until the new locker rooms were built in 1954. Most of us remember that room being used by maintenance personnel.

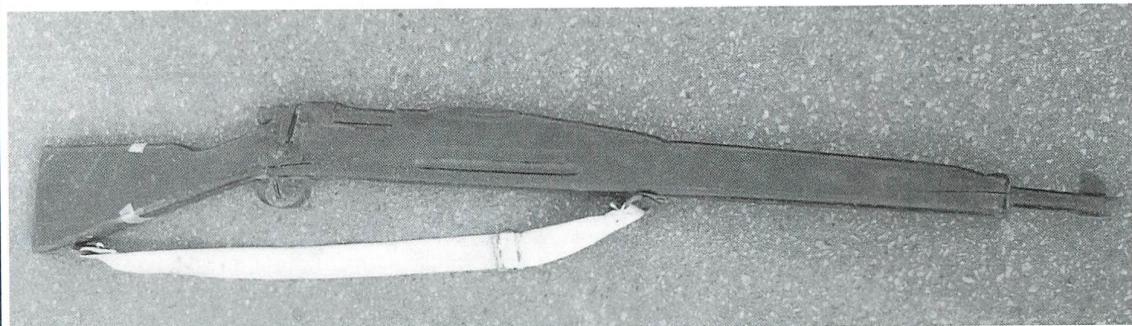


De La Salle Is Having Scrap Drive

"With the aid of Charles Baker, a member of the Fathers' club, De L Salle has organized a scrap drive and established a depot on the school grounds. Each cadet is to bring at least five pounds of scrap every school day. At the end of the drive in two weeks, the salvage will be turned over to the government and the proceeds used by the school to buy 250 wooden rifles."

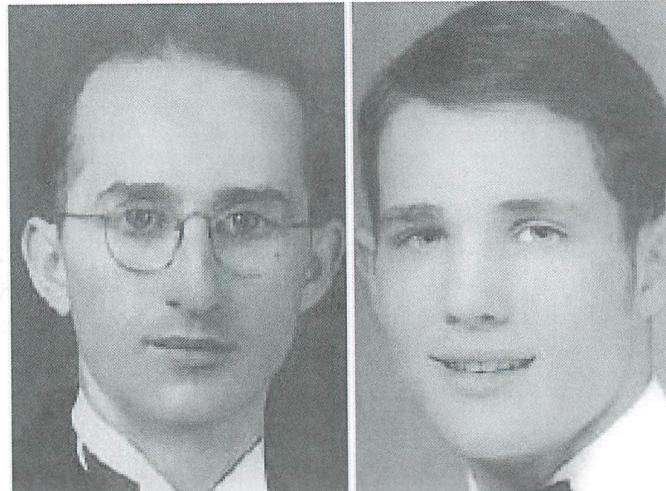
Kansas City Star news article 1942

Ed Welch '45 donated this wooden rifle to the Alumni Association collection of DLS memorabilia and posed with it at his home, wearing proper military attire — a light blue shirt, dark blue tie and gray pants.



Father and Son Graduates

*Harry
Thomas
Donaldson
Class of 1929*



*Timothy
Giles
Donaldson
Class of 1969*

Dates on photos are yearbook dates

A Blast from the Past — the 1950s



Roy Manade '56, Bill Kelley '56, Tony Cipolla '57, Don Kenski '56, Manuel Pernice '56, John Birmingham '56, Richard Kaminski '56, Frank Sambol '56, Phil Vogrin '56, Charley Martynowicz '56, John Mullally '55.



Br. James Lewis, F.S.C.

We Seniors are proud to dedicate our yearbook to you, Brother James. It is our way of showing you how much we appreciate your many years of service to us and to De La Salle.

As a native of Kansas City and an Alumnus of De La Salle, the school became a part of your life. As a teacher here you became part of the life of the school. For over a decade you have set an example of devoted service to De La Salle and for the past four years you have influenced us personally by your good example and kind help in the tradition of a true Christian Brother.

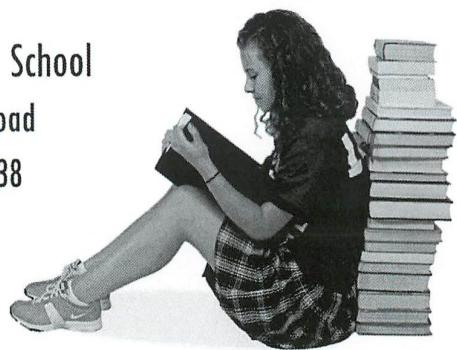
Parade, 1955



We provide opportunities for Faith, Service, Learning & Community.

Thanks for 100 years of Lasallian tradition.

Archbishop O'Hara High School
9001 James A. Reed Road
Kansas City, MO 64138
816.763.4800
www.oharahs.org



Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Service Printing & GRAPHICS, Inc.

A FULL SERVICE PRINTING FACILITY

- **Offset & Digital Printing Capabilities**
(from one color to full color)
- **In-House Bindery**
(folding, stitching, trimming...)
- **Specialty Items**
(die-cutting, foil-stamping, numbering...)
- **Graphic Artists on Staff**
(we can work from existing art or create your own)

(816) 842-9068 • fax (816) 842-4763

1146 Harrison Street • Kansas City, MO 64106

orders@serviceprintingonline.com • www.ServicePrintingOnline.com



DKO Associates

Graphics & Printing Services

• 19426 West 98th St. • Lenexa, KS 66220 • 913-221-7030 •

kochs@everestkc.net

Kathleen Ann Ochs

Happy Anniversary De La Salle Academy/High School

I have enjoyed my work with your projects through recent years.
It has been a pleasure to meet many of your stellar alumni.
I have especially fond thoughts of my good friend, Br. Bernard.

Dates on photos are yearbook dates

Church Against Hitler

De La Salle Graduates are

told right will prevail

Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara Pictures

Present Conflict as the Standard
of the Cross Opposed to the Swastika

The standard of the church is raised against the standard of Hitler in the struggle to preserve civilization, the Most Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, bishop of the Kansas City diocese of the Catholic church, told graduates of the De La Salle Military Academy yesterday at the Municipal Auditorium.

"De La Salle raises the standard of the cross by which all human beings have been made brothers, one of another, consecrated to the service of the least and the lowliest," Bishop O'Hara said. "Hitler raises the standard of the swastika — the crooked cross — denying the brotherhood of man and enthroning brute force and pride.

"De La Salle brings young men to Christ to make them Christlike — Hitler tears Christ out of the hearts of the Hitler youth that he may fill them with demoniac hate. But it will not be right forever on the scaffold — wrong forever on the throne."

Judge Albert A. Ridge made the opening address to the sixty-five graduates. He recalled the dedication ceremony for the gymnasium of the academy on December 7, 1941, the day of the attack on Pearl Harbor. He then related the great strides in military drilling perfection which the cadets have made since that date a year and a half ago.

Opening the program, which was a combined military festival and graduation ceremony, the complete military unit of the academy and the honorary officers formed a grand parade on the floor of the arena. Later, individual units of the school staged precision drills and marching.

Military honors and awards were presented by Bishop O'Hara and Lieut. Carter Williams, who directs the military training at the academy. The highest ranking cadet is Cadet Col. Thomas Derr. Miss Margaret Ann Conboy is the honorary cadet colonel.

Cadet Lieut. Leo A. O'Donnell is salutatorian, and Cadet Maj. William Hartnett is valedictorian of the graduating class.

More than 2,000 persons attended the festival and graduation.

Kansas City Star clipping 1943

De La Salle
Alumni Association
1910-2010

100th Anniversary Celebration - 2010

De La Salle Banquet

Friday, April 9, 2010
Finnigan's - 503 E. 18th Ave. (North of River)
Cocktail hour 5:45-7:00 p.m. - Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Memorial Mass

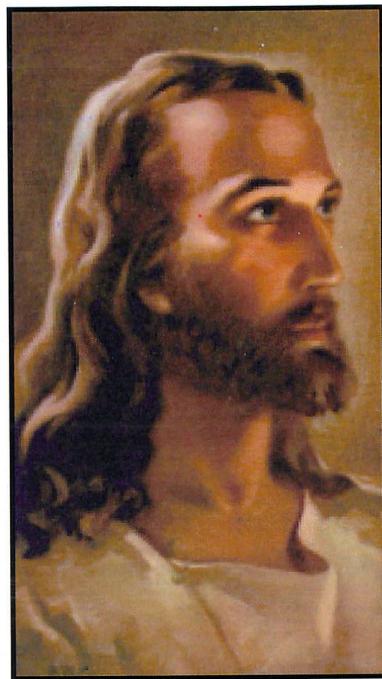
3:00 p.m., Saturday, April 10, 2010, St. Monica Church

1616 Paseo (1/2 block south of school building)
This Memorial Mass is for all alumni, family and friends.
We wish to have as many people present as possible.

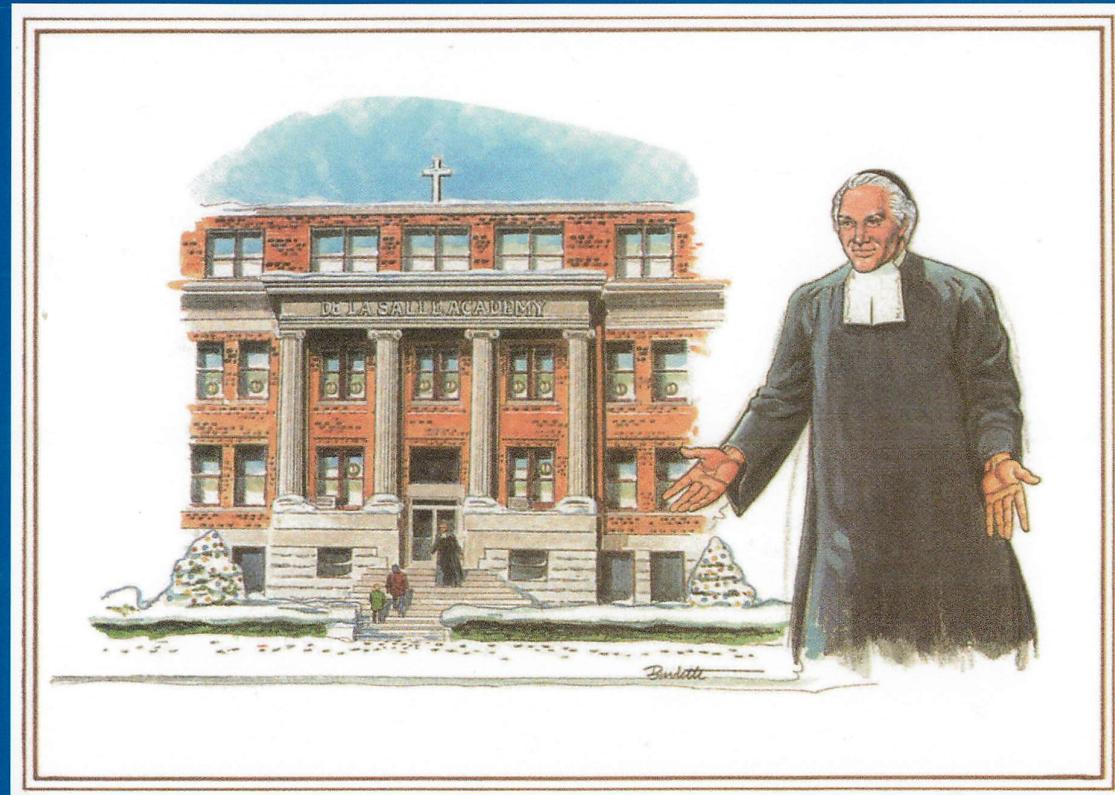
Social Hour

in the St. Monica Church Hall after the Mass
Tour of De La Salle building.

Dates on photos are yearbook dates



Live Jesus
in our
Hearts,
Forever!





De La Salle High School

Kansas City, Missouri

1967

